



LEO

DEI ET APOSTOLICÆ SEDIS GRATIA  
 ARCHIEPISCOPUS S. ANDREÆ ET EDIMBURGENSIS

## DECREE

### WHEREAS

1. Pursuant to can. 1263, the financial needs of the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh (hereinafter 'The Archdiocese') have been addressed by means of an annual assessment formulated in accordance with the principles of moderation and proportionality such assessment being conducted in accordance with the established custom of The Archdiocese;
2. The universal law of the Church declares that clerics are by reason of their dedication to the ecclesiastical ministry deserving of financial support sufficient to sustain themselves according to their condition (cf. can. 281, §1);
3. The universal law of the Church requires that provision must also be made for those priests who suffer illness, incapacity or on account of old age (cf. can. 281, §2);
4. The universal law of the Church directs and requires that each diocese shall make provision for and/or establish an institute which collects goods or offerings for the financial support of the clergy (cf. can. 1274, §1);
5. Within The Archdiocese, the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund (hereinafter 'AICF') is such an institute as is mentioned in can. 1274, §1;
6. To date, the financial support of the AICF has been met by means of discrete collections taken up in the parishes;
7. The Archbishop is invested with both the competence and jurisdiction to make laws for the exercise of his pastoral solicitude for all of the faithful, including clergy incardinated within The Archdiocese (cf. cann. 381; 383; 384);
8. Upon considering anew the important responsibility of providing security for those priests who suffer illness, incapacity or are in need on account of old age, and in recognition that the AICF must be adequately funded so that the attainment of its purposes and the demands of the universal law may be secured;
9. Having received and considered the opinions of those suitably qualified and expert in relevant disciplines, AND UPON and assessing it necessary and desirable for the financial provision of needs of The Archdiocese in general and the AICF in particular to be more effectively and transparently addressed by consolidated

- assessment calculable by reference to the demands of moderation and proportionality in accordance with the formula detailed within **Appendix 1** to this Decree such formula being the subject of annual revision after consultation with the Archdiocesan Finance Council and, if a reduction or increase in the Levy is proposed by the Archdiocesan Finance Council, the due consultation of the Council of Priests before any variation is made (cf. can. 127; 1263);
10. Upon duly consulting with the presbyterate on 26 August 2021, the proposal detailed in n.9 was the subject of detailed discussion, consideration and was favoured;
  11. The Council of Priests, having been consulted formally *ad cautelam* on 30 June 2022, and such Council having deliberated and resolved itself in favour of the funding model at n.9 and Appendix 1 to replace the funding of the AICF by special collections (cf. cann 127; 1263);
  12. The Finance Council, having been consulted formally *ad cautelam* on 7 July 2022, indicated its favourability to the funding model at n.9 (cf. cann 127; 1263);
  13. I, the Most Reverend Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh, do hereby decree that a tiered increase on the annual parish assessment, as per n.9, should replace the special second collections which have provided the funding hitherto for the AICF (cf. cann. 7; 8, §2; 29; 381; 391);
  14. I further direct and provide that this law is to be promulgated immediately via the Archdiocesan website and that the attention of the clergy should be drawn to it in a letter *ad clerum* (cf. cann. 7; 8) and;
  15. The foregoing takes effect immediately, all things to the contrary notwithstanding.

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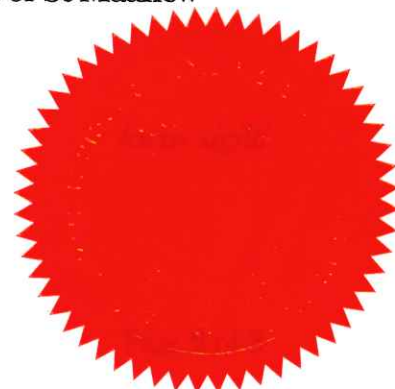
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✠Leo Cushley  
Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh

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*S. Deeley*  
The Very Reverend S. Deeley VÉ  
Chancellor

Given at the Chancery in Edinburgh, 21 September 2022, The Feast of St Matthew



## Appendix 1 to Decree of 21 September 2022 (09/22)

Offertory income level	Current General Fund assessment %	AICF assessment %	Total assessment %
Under £10,000	10%	8%	18%
Over £10,000	11%	9%	20%
Over £11,000	12%	10%	22%
Over £12,000	13%	11%	24%
Over £13,000	14%	12%	26%
Over £14,000	15%	13%	28%
Over £15,000	16.5%	13.5%	30%
Over £35,000	17.5%	14.5%	32%
Over £56'000	18.5%	14.5%	33%