

Act No. 21 of 1911**ROMAN CATHOLIC VICAR FORANE
INCORPORATION****An Act for the incorporation of the Roman
Catholic Vicar Forane in The Bahamas.**

21 of 1911
9 of 1912
26 of 1925

[Commencement 13th July, 1911]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Roman Catholic Vicar Forane Incorporation Act.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act the term “successors in office” means the person from time to time having, by virtue of the Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church or by appointment by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York in the United States of America or by appointment by the proper authority in Rome, supreme ecclesiastical jurisdiction in The Bahamas in the Roman Catholic Church.

Roman Catholic
Vicar Forane to
be a body
corporate.

3. The Very Reverend Chrysostom Schreiner, O.S.B., the Roman Catholic Vicar Forane in The Bahamas, and his successors in office, shall be a body corporate and have the name of “The Roman Catholic Vicar Forane in the Bahamas,” and by that name shall have perpetual succession and shall have full power to purchase, take, hold, enjoy, sell, grant, convey, mortgage, lease, invest, and otherwise deal with and dispose of, all property real and personal of what nature or kind soever hereby vested and hereafter acquired and may sue and be sued in all the Courts in The Bahamas.

Vesting of
Property held by
present or any
previous
Archbishop of
New York or
Vicar Forane.

4. All property in The Bahamas real or personal, of what nature or kind soever, now held by or vested in the Most Reverend John M. Farley Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York or the Very Reverend Chrysostom Schreiner, O.S.B., Roman Catholic Vicar Forane in The Bahamas or previously held by or vested in any other Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York or Roman Catholic Vicar Forane in The Bahamas, and not heretofore transferred or otherwise disposed of, whether the transfers or conveyances thereof vest the same in such

Roman Catholic Archbishop or in such Roman Catholic Vicar Forane in his own proper name or as such Roman Catholic Archbishop or as such Roman Catholic Vicar Forane, shall be held by, and the same is hereby vested in, the said corporate body:

Provided that such holding and vesting shall be subject to the rights of the King His heirs and successors and all bodies politic and corporate and of all other persons except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by from and under them.

9 of 1912, s. 2.

5. All property real or personal, of what nature or kind soever, heretofore and hereafter devised or bequeathed by will, or otherwise given to the Roman Catholic Church in The Bahamas, shall be held by, and is and shall be hereby vested in, and shall be deemed to be the the property of, the said corporate body.

Vesting of property bequeathed by Will to Roman Catholic Church.

6. All property vested, in or hereafter acquired by, the said corporate body shall be held by the said corporate body for the use and benefit of the Roman Catholic Church.²

Property to be held for use of Roman Catholic Church.

² Note: See also 19 of 1934 *post*.