

Requirements for the Consecration of a Church Edifice



1. A petition from the church authorities asking for the consecration, and setting out all the necessary facts as to the ownership of the church property and giving a description of the land.
2. A certificate signed by the Incumbent and Churchwardens and by the auditors of the church, stating that the church land is free from all legal liability for debt, including mortgages, bank overdrafts, loans by individuals, etc.
3. Production of deeds of property and discharge of any existing encumbrances there may be, for the Chancellor to see, along with the two above documents. If the deeds are at the Diocesan Centre he will arrange to view them there.

Documents should be prepared by the church authorities and submitted to the Area Bishop. The Area Bishop and the Chancellor will then decide whether a service of consecration can take place and arrange with the church authorities for a date for same. The Chancellor and the Area Bishop attend ALL services of consecration.