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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 2022**

**The Clergy Discipline Rules 2005**

**PART X**

**Suspension**

**Appeals by priest or deacon against notice of suspension**

**66.**—(1) An appeal to the President by a priest or deacon shall be made in writing within 14 days of receipt of the notice of suspension, and—

- (a) a copy of the notice of suspension shall be attached to the written appeal,
- (b) the written appeal shall set out the grounds of the appeal,
- (c) a copy of the written appeal shall be sent or delivered to the bishop by the appellant at the same time as the appeal is sent or delivered to the President.

(2) Within 14 days of the date of the lodging of the appeal with the President the bishop may send or deliver to the President written comments in answer to the appeal against suspension, and a copy of those comments shall be sent or delivered by the bishop to the appellant at the same time as they are sent or delivered to the President.

(3) The President may confirm or revoke the suspension and shall do so in writing within 28 days of the appeal being lodged, and a copy of the confirmation or revocation shall be sent or delivered to the appellant and the bishop.

(4) Where the suspension is revoked by the President on appeal, the bishop shall notify the persons specified in rule 63 that the suspension has been revoked.

(5) There shall be no stay of the suspension pending the determination of an appeal to the President against the suspension.