

# The Diocese of The Arctic

## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA



September 24, 2014

Canon Robert Falby  
Chairperson  
Commission on the Marriage Canon  
80 Hayden Street  
Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2

Dear Mr. Falby,

The Diocese of the Arctic has asked me to provide the following to the Marriage Commission for consideration during their deliberations.

As a Diocese we have held to a traditional understanding of Holy Scripture and Holy Matrimony.

We have always sought to take seriously the pastoral needs of all people within the Diocese and we minister to all, to the exclusion of no one.

We see no need for a change in the Marriage Canon and we urge the Commission to not bring forward a motion to change Canon XXI.

As a Diocese, we pray that our voice is heard and respected in this process.

Yours truly,

Rt. Rev. David W. Parsons  
Bishop of The Arctic