

annual meeting, and who shall continue in office until others shall have been chosen in their places.

3. The Bishop shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur by removal from the Diocese, by death or by election to the episcopate, or in case any one of them be the party accused, until the next meeting of Synod.

4. The Court shall name from among their body a clerk whose duty it shall be to keep a record of all the proceedings had before the Court.

5. The Church Advocate (as hereinafter appointed) shall give notice in writing at least fifteen days before the day fixed for trial, to the party accused, to attend before the Clerical Secretary of the Synod, time and place being mentioned in the notice, when and where the party accused shall strike from the list of the members of the Court, elected as aforesaid, one of the names, and the Church Advocate shall strike off another, and so alternately until the number shall be reduced to five, which five, or a majority of them, shall form the Court for the trial.

6. If the accused shall neglect to attend in person, or by an agent, the Clerical Secretary of the Synod shall strike the list with the Church Advocate, in place of the accused so absent.

7. The accused and Church Advocate may, by a written consent, filed with the Clerical Secretary of the Synod, agree upon any five of the members of the Court, so elected as aforesaid, which five, or a majority of them, shall form the Court.

8. The Bishop shall issue a precept, addressed to the members of the Court, so struck or agreed upon, requiring them to proceed to the trial of the accused at the appointed time and place; which precept, together with a certified copy of the charges, shall be transmitted by the Bishop to the President of the court (to be named by him), whose duty it shall be, on receipt thereof, to cause all the members of the Court, so struck or agreed upon, and the accused, to be summoned to meet at the prescribed time and place.

9. The Bishop shall, at the annual meeting of Synod, nominate a Church Advocate to conduct all prosecutions; he shall be a Priest belonging to the diocese, or a layman who is a practising advocate of the Province of Quebec, and has been a communicant