

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

## **Chancellor's Report**

David Bell/1 June 2024

The Metropolitan appointed me chancellor of the Ecclesiastical Province on 1 January 2022, succeeding the esteemed **Charles Ferris** (Fredericton). **David Eramian** (Montreal) continues as Vice-Chancellor. I would draw two matters briefly to the attention of the Synod.

1. Our Rules of Order for meetings of the Synod and its Council presuppose in-person gatherings. Although not elaborate, these Rules have some features that seem impractical for on-line meetings or that need clarification. I propose submitting a mild revision of the Rules to the next session of Synod.
2. The 2023 meeting of the Provincial Council failed to achieve quorum. There are scenarios when the Council would have urgent business, and the prospect of a Council that could not meet quorum is disconcerting. On the supposition that the Council might be impractically large, the Executive Officers discussed how Council might be reconfigured and reduced to become in effect a somewhat expanded version of the Officers committee, which meets several times per year. Our conclusion was that such a reconfigured Council could not be both small and sufficiently representative of orders, geography and youth. Instead, we have brought to the Synod a motion (Motion 2024-03) that simply confirms the practical role of the Provincial Officers as an Executive committee.