



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRI LANKA**

**ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS OF
CEYLON (AMENDMENT)**

A

BILL

**to amend the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon
Ordinance**

*Presented by Hon. Nieranjan Wickremasinghe M. P. for Kurunegala District
on 24th April, 2013.*

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*Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops
of Ceylon (Amendment)*

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS
OF CEYLON ORDINANCE

WHEREAS a portion of the area hitherto under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Trincomalee has now been created into a new Diocese called the Roman Catholic Diocese of Batticaloa and the Right Reverend Dr. Joseph Ponniah has been duly appointed the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa to administer the same:

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon Ordinance, to provide for the incorporation of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa and in other respects:

BE it therefore enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon (Amendment) Act, No. of 2013.

Short title.

2. The Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) as last amended by Act, No. 19 of 2000 is hereby further amended by the insertion immediately after Section 3D of the principal enactment and shall have effect as section 3E of the principal enactment :—

Insertion of new section 3E in Chapter 338.

“Incorporation of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa. 3E. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa, to wit the Right Reverend Dr. Joseph Ponniah and his successors duly appointed according to the laws and usages of the Roman Catholic Church, shall be a body corporate and shall, for all purposes of this Ordinance, have the name of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa, and by such name shall have perpetual

5 succession and shall have full power to acquire, purchase, take, hold and enjoy movable and immovable property of every description and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same, and may sue or be sued in respect of such property in all courts of justice.”.

Insertion of
new Section
5E in the
principal
enactment.

10 “Vesting of
property in
the Roman
Catholic
Bishop of
15 Batticaloa

Amendment
of section 6
of the
principal
enactment.

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5. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala
30 and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Sinhala text
to prevail in
case of
inconsistency.

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