

## Powers of Attorney and Representation Agreements

From time to time, clergy or others associated with or employed by a parish of the diocese may be asked to agree to be appointed as attorneys under British Columbia legislation (the *Power of Attorney Act*, RSBC 1996, ch.370 and the *Representation Agreement Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 405).

These pieces of legislation permit legal, financial, health and personal care decisions to be made by the appointee under one of these acts even after the grantor becomes mentally incapable of giving or refusing consent to medical treatment and may also allow for the management by the appointee of the assets of the grantor.

Due to the possibility of liability that may be outside the limits of our insurance, as well as the potential appearance of impropriety, **it is inappropriate for clergy or others associated with or employed by this diocese to agree to become an appointee** under either act for persons other than members of their own families.