



**Most Reverend Brendan Kelly**

By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See  
Bishop of Galway & Kilmacduagh & Apostolic Administrator of Kilfenora

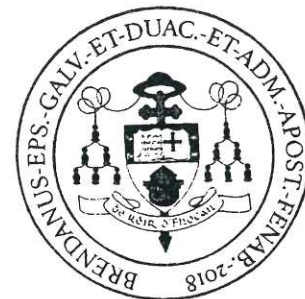
**Decree on the Minimal Age for Booking a Wedding**  
within the Diocese of Galway and Kilmacduagh and the Apostolic Administration of Kilfenora  
(hereafter the Diocese of Galway)

**FURTHER TO** Marriage Norm no.4 in the 2015 *Pastoral Directory for the Priest*, which states that in the Diocese of Galway the minimum valid age for marriage is eighteen, **I DECREE THAT** no marriage can be booked within the Diocese of Galway until both contracting parties have reached their eighteenth birthday. Nor can any priest of the diocese prepare a person for marriage until they have reached their eighteenth birthday.

**GIVEN** at the Diocesan Office, The Cathedral, Galway,

on the 19 day of December, 2019

SIGNED: Brendan Kelly  
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Bishop of Galway & Kilmacduagh &  
Apostolic Administrator of Kilfenora



SIGNED: Ian O'Neill  
Very Rev. Ian Canon O'Neill  
Chancellor of the Diocese