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## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS HELD AT  
DIOCESAN CHANCERY, 10 VICTORIA ROAD, PARRAMATTA, ON  
WEDNESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1990

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Present: Bishop Bede Heather (Chairman) and Fathers K. Hannan,  
L. Breslan, D. Arcamone, L. Campion, D. Maguire, J. Pilkington  
and D. Scott.

1. OPENING PRAYER

Bishop Bede opened the meeting after circulating a sheet of  
Reading, Prayer and Hymn, originally prepared by Fr. Cattell for  
the Pastoral Council, Fr. Campion doing the reading, 10.40 a.m.

2. APOLOGY

An apology was tendered on behalf of Fr. G. Dickinson.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

On the motion of Fr. Pilkington, seconded by Fr. Scott, it was  
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous meeting of 26th  
September, 1990, be confirmed. CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not elsewhere listed)Blackheath Property

Bishop Bede advised that the convent at Blackheath is  
demolished. The cottage on the corner is still standing. We  
were hoping to get some balance of insurance moneys and might use  
same to refurbish this cottage.

Fr. Rod Bray

Bishop Bede advised that there had been some progress in that  
Fr. Bray's Doctor believes he had identified the cause of his  
illness and was looking at ways to treat it rather than  
operate. Fr. Bray was still at Mulgoa and needed encouragement;  
perhaps could phone or maybe call in if passing that way.

Fr. REDACTED

Bishop Bede said REDACTED was now back at Windsor and that he  
had been up there for the Sesqui Centenary last Sunday.

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Chaplaincy to the University of Western Sydney

Since the previous meeting Bishop Bede said he had spoken with Fr. Paul Marshall and he will not be proceeding with his application, but it was agreed he will be offered some part in Sacramental services when the Chaplaincy is established. The other Priest will not be proceeding with his application either. This leaves five Religious women for interview.

Fr. REDACTED

Bishop Bede said he had spoken to Fr. REDA who sought another year with the Brothers at Mulgoa, and he had agreed to that if he feels that is best for him. He intends to return to pastoral Parochial work, say, towards the end of next year.

Fr. John Farrell

Defer to Personnel.

Fr. Wim Hoekstra

Defer to Personnel.

Suggested Placements of Seminarians

Bishop Bede said the suggestions made had turned out very well and there was no doubt Pastors are a great support to the Seminarians. Quite a number of placements suggested by Fr. Maguire last meeting had already been confirmed. Bishop Bede said he had made a couple of changes for reasons which he outlined.

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PERSONNEL

Fr. REDACTED

Bishop Bede said that Fr. REDAC who had taken 12 months leave from 1st July as he was not in good health at that time had written earlier this month to resign as Pastor of REDACTED. It was a little sad to finish his long service firstly to the Archdiocese and then to the Diocese in this way, but this was his choice.

Continuing, Bishop Bede said he felt the wisest thing was to move swiftly to fill REDACTED and he had written a letter to the Parishioners, which he read to the meeting, in which he advised that the usual process of the Diocese would be followed and that they would be consulted. Since then a group had been to see him and letters had come in saying a change at this time would be disadvantageous to the Parish and seeking that Fr. REDACTED be allowed to serve out his 12 months' appointment as Administrator. In response to his canvassing of opinions at the meeting, those expressed were varied. Bishop Bede pointed out there were big things in train there: there was plan for new Church and talk about Presbytery.

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At the conclusion of discussion, Bishop Bede said it might be pushing it to try to get appointment in before Christmas but he would like to start the process now and make an appointment early in the new year.

Fr. [REDACTED]

This was some good news, said Bishop Bede, giving details of Fr. [REDACTED] wish to continue to follow his Priestly ministry. Bishop Bede said that Fr. [REDACTED] would like to resume on 1st December, having already resigned his job, and would be having a holiday in November. A possible placement at Windsor was discussed.

Fr. Wim Hoestra

Bishop Bede advised that Fr. Hoestra would be available from about the middle of January and was seeking Parish experience. It was agreed that he would not likely be a long term assistant having regard to his talents. Springwood was suggested as a likely place for him.

Fr. John Farrell

Bishop Bede said that he sent a copy of his letter to Fr. Farrell to Bishop Kennedy, who said in reply that whilst he accepted that Fr. Farrell belonged to Armidale Diocese, he would be grateful if we could appoint him here for another year.

Fr. John Thien

Bishop Bede gave the meeting details of Fr. Thien, a Vietnamese Priest who previously worked in the Archdiocese, and had come to see him the previous day.

Holy Spirit Fathers

Bishop Bede advised, for information, that the Holy Spirit Fathers had agreed to come to the Diocese and had appointed Fr. Gerry Ryan, presently at Ringwood, Vic., and hoped to have another Priest in the course of next year. The plan is by 1992 they may have identified an area, in consultation with us, where could take a Parish. Various suggestions were discussed, Bishop Bede proposing Fr. Ryan might go initially to Penrith, about which he would speak to Fr. Dickinson on his return.

Sons of Divine Providence (Don Orione Fathers)

Bishop Bede advised that the Provincial of this Polish Order had been to see him, giving details of the discussion including the Order's willingness to come to our Diocese. Fr. Stanislaw Antoniewicz and Fr. Stanislaw Skibicki, members of the Order, were known to us as Migrant Chaplains. The Provincial wondered if they could ask for a parish which would be able to support 2-3 Priests. They would hold the land at Garswood Road for the present to see as to its future. They were speaking about late

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1992 or 1993 when Fr. Jerome from Belleville, near St. Louis, would be coming out. Bishop Bede said he had emphasised the usefulness of having someone coming for six months or so and living in the Diocese as Asst. Priest somewhere initially. Would need to serve the whole population, not specifically a Polish one, but the ethnic presence would be welcome. In the course of the ensuing discussion it was agreed that encouragement should be given to the proposal.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LONG SERVICE LEAVEApplication from Fr. Zvonimir Gavranovic

When he received this application for 12 months' leave, said Bishop Bede, he searched for the guidelines. He circulated copies of Guidelines for Extended Leave from James Cardinal Freeman dated 9th April 1980. These referred to maximum leave of four months, this to include annual vacation time. Both Fr. Hannan and Fr. Scott gave some history of events leading to these decisions, Fr. Hannan mentioning the emphasis was not so much on the leave but the financing of it, having regard to the funds of the Agency Board at the time. In discussion it was noted that Fr. Zvonimir proposed working whilst overseas. Bishop Bede suggested advising him of the leave conditions through the Agency Fund, but approving the application for 12 months overall.

Application from Fr. T. Crowley

Advising in his application he had won \$5000 worth of travel in an Art Union, Fr. Crowley said he would like to take the prize in August/September 1991. Following discussion, Bishop Bede said that, in assenting, he would advise Fr. Crowley that one month of this time would be considered extended leave.

7. GENERAL BUSINESSApplication from Board of Management re reimbursement of Expenses for Motor Vehicle Use

Bishop Bede read from a letter dated 17th October received from Fr. Maguire as Chairman of the Board of Management, advising that the Executive requested that he and the Consultors might approve an immediate increase in the maximum amount of car expenses reimbursement for Clergy from \$330 per month to \$400 per month.

The Board considered that the recent petrol price rises together with increases in registration, insurance and vehicle servicing costs fully justify this request.

Some concern was expressed in discussion about the steepness of the rise, which would eventually have to come from the people who were similarly affected, Bishop Bede advising he would be inclined to vote for \$370 applicable as from 1st November and ask the Board of Management to keep this under review.

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Letter from Bro. Ernest of the Marist Brothers

Bishop Bede advised he had had a letter from Bro. Ernest saying that the Brothers will be vacating their Novitiate in 1991 but hoped to be back in 1992. They were therefore approaching the Diocese and Catholic College of Education in Sydney to see if anyone was interested in leasing it for a nominal sum during that period. Bishop Bede said maybe could try a few experimental things, including youth ministry work etc. and, if successful, and the Brothers were to come back, could try to relocate. Meantime would have to maintain the place. Various suggestions were made as to other possible uses, including prayer groups, Marriage Preparation courses, training and formation, vocations. Bishop Bede wondered who could look after it for us, suggesting perhaps a small group of Religious.

In the light of discussion, Bishop Bede said he would indicate a positive interest to Bro. Ernest.

Letter from Bishop of Sorsogon, Phillipines

Bishop Bede read a letter received from Bishop Jesus Y. Varela, Bishop of Sorsogon, Philippines, seeking any amount which could be spared towards a little house he was building for his sick and ageing priests who have no place to live.

It being agreed that something should be sent, Bishop Bede suggested a donation of \$1000 from the D.W.F. Emergency Reserve. This was something which could be mentioned when promoting the D.W.F. Appeal in Parishes.

House of Prayer, Kurrajong

Fr. Hannan advised the Development Application was coming up for discussion on 30th October at the Council meeting. He thought that following that the Architect would present a detailed plan from the D.A. application and, in December some time, a tender for building.

Back Car Entrance, No. 12 Victoria Road

Fr. Maguire asked if it would be possible to have our agents, S.J. Laing & Son Pty. Ltd., check the situation with regard to the back entrance to the car park and our rights of access, as the existing setup was unsatisfactory, particularly from a safety point of view.

Rationalisation of Masses

Inquiring what was to be done about rationalisation of Masses, Fr. Maguire said it was some months since this matter was first raised. During discussion, Bishop Bede said it was a matter which could perhaps best be handled by Parishes in clusters. Fr. Scott said at the Assembly it had been suggested it go back to the Vicariates and he thought it would be a good thing to consult the Parish Councils on times. The Vicars could then report back to the Council of Priests in due course.

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Kellyville

Bishop Bede advised that Fr. John Magri had resigned as Parish Priest of Kellyville to his Superior, who had since proposed Fr. Anthony Fox for the position, and he was now the new Pastor.

Architectural Committee

Fr. Scott inquired if any thought had been given to people for the proposed Architectural Committee, or sub-Committee to the Sites Committee, Bishop Bede advising no names had been given to him.

Glenbrook Church

Fr. Scott inquired the situation regarding the proposed new Glenbrook Church. Bishop Bede advised it was not going ahead as planned, following comments from two Architect advisers. The Parish had been asked to get an Architect, obtain costing, and remove the whole gallery proposal.

Letter from Cardinal Sin

Details were given by Fr. Breslan of a letter received from Cardinal Sin which he had unfortunately not brought with him but which referred to a movement which had been banned in the Philippines but which a group had brought to some Parishes in Australia. Bishop Bede said it might be a good idea for Fr. Breslan to mention this to Sr. Jeana at Granville.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 28th November, 1990, at the Chancery Office, 10 Victoria Road, Parramatta, at 10.00 a.m. for 10.30 a.m.

9. CLOSING PRAYER

Bishop Bede closed the meeting with a prayer, 12.48 p.m.

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