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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ST PAUL'S NATIONAL SEMINARY,  
KENSINGTON, N.S.W. FROM WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL TO FRIDAY 5 MAY 1989

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### ATTENDANCE    The following were present:

<p>⋮</p> <p>His Eminence</p> <p>Most Rev. F.</p> <p>Most Rev. F.</p> <p>Most Rev. L.</p> <p>Most Rev. T.</p> <p>Most Rev. W.</p> <p>Most Rev. E.</p> <p>Most Rev. I.</p> <p>Most Rev. J.</p> <p>Most Rev. D.</p> <p>Most Rev. H.</p> <p>Most Rev. R.</p> <p>Most Rev. E.</p> <p>Most Rev. J.</p> <p>Most Rev. P.</p> <p>Most Rev. E.</p> <p>Most Rev. D.</p> <p>Most Rev. B.</p> <p>Most Rev. W.</p> <p>Most Rev. J.</p> <p>Most Rev. R.</p> <p>Most Rev. J.</p> <p>Most Rev. L.</p> <p>Most Rev. P.</p> <p>Most Rev. P.</p> <p>Most Rev. N.</p> <p>Most Rev. B.</p> <p>Most Rev. F.</p> <p>Most Rev. J.</p> <p>Most Rev. E.</p> <p>Most Rev. W.</p> <p>Most Rev. G.</p> <p>Most Rev. R.</p> <p>Most Rev. B.</p> <p>Most Rev. G.</p> <p>Most Rev. J.</p> <p>Most Rev. P.</p> <p>Most Rev. E.</p> <p>Most Rev. G.</p> <p>Most Rev. P.</p> <p>Most Rev. G.</p> <p>Rev. Mons. J.</p>	<p>Cardinal E. Clancy, Archbishop of Sydney, President</p> <p>Rush, Archbishop of Brisbane</p> <p>Carroll, Archbishop of Canberra - Goulburn</p> <p>Faulkner, Archbishop of Adelaide</p> <p>Little, Archbishop of Melbourne</p> <p>Foley, Archbishop of Perth</p> <p>D'Arcy, Archbishop of Hobart</p> <p>Khalife, Archbishop-Bishop of St Maroun of Sydney.</p> <p>Jobst, Bishop of Broome</p> <p>Warren, Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes</p> <p>Kennedy, Bishop of Armidale</p> <p>Mulkearns, Bishop of Ballarat</p> <p>Kelly, Bishop of Toowoomba</p> <p>Satterthwaite, Bishop of Lismore</p> <p>Quinn, Bishop of Bunbury</p> <p>Perkins, Auxiliary, Melbourne</p> <p>Cremin, Auxiliary, Sydney</p> <p>Wallace, Bishop of Rockhampton</p> <p>Murray, Bishop of Wollongong</p> <p>Gerry, Auxiliary, Brisbane</p> <p>Healy, Auxiliary, Perth</p> <p>O'Connell, Auxiliary, Sydney</p> <p>Clarke, Bishop of Maitland</p> <p>Dougherty, Bishop of Bathurst</p> <p>Murphy, Bishop of Broken Bay</p> <p>Daly, Bishop of Sandhurst</p> <p>Heather, Bishop of Parramatta</p> <p>De Campo, Bishop of Port Pirie</p> <p>Heaps, Auxiliary, Sydney</p> <p>Cuskelly, Auxiliary, Brisbane</p> <p>Brennan, Bishop of Wagga Wagga</p> <p>Robinson, Auxiliary, Sydney</p> <p>Benjamin, Bishop of Townsville</p> <p>Hickey, Bishop of Geraldton</p> <p>Mayne, Military Ordinary, Australia</p> <p>Bathersby, Bishop of Cairns</p> <p>Power, Auxiliary, Canberra-Goulburn</p> <p>Collins, Bishop of Darwin</p> <p>Riashi, Eparchy of St Michael's of Sydney</p> <p>Connors, Auxiliary, Melbourne</p> <p>Pell, Auxiliary, Melbourne</p> <p>Allman, Diocesan Administrator, Sale</p> <p>Coffey, Bishop-Elect, Sale</p>
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**OBSERVE** F. Lambert, Bishop of Port Vila - on behalf of the Bishops Conference of the Pacific. M. Meier, Archbishop of Mt Hagen - on behalf of the Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Deschamps, Bishop of Daru-Kiunga - on behalf of the Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Gaines, Bishop of Hamilton, - on behalf of the Bishops Conference of New Zealand. G. Reynolds, SM and  
**RS:**  
 Most Rev. G M. West, OFM - on behalf of Major Clerical Religious Superiors.

Most Rev. F.  
**APOLOGIES:**

Very Rev.  
 Bishop Prasko  
 Bishop Khalife,

An apology was received from:  
 for part of the meeting (his proxy was Archbishop Rush)  
 Bishop O'Connell, for part of the meeting (his proxy was Archbishop Little) Archbishop Foley, for part of the meeting (his proxy was Bishop Quinn)  
 Bishop Healy, for part of the meeting Bishop Cremin, for part of the meeting Bishop Hickey, for part of meeting (his proxy was Bishop Kennedy)

#### **MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

This Mass was concelebrated in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart Monastery, Kensington at 7 a.m. on Saturday 29 April 1989. His Eminence, Cardinal Clancy, President of Conference, was the principal celebrant.

#### **OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting began after recitation of "Prayer During The Day" at 9.15 a.m. on Saturday 29 April 1989.

The President, Cardinal Clancy welcomed at the Opening Session, and during the course of the meeting the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, Archbishop F. Brambilla, Bishop-Elect Coffey, the Observers, the Social Communications Executive Officer, Miss M. Newport.

#### **MESSAGE TO THE HOLY FATHER**

The Conference sent this cable to His Eminence Cardinal Casaroli, Secretary of State:

"WE THE BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA ASSEMBLED IN CONFERENCE, SEND OUR GREETINGS TO YOUR HOLINESS. WE PLEDGE OUR LOYALTY TO YOU IN THE UNITY OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

YOUR APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION 'CHRISTIFIDELES LAICI', SO WELL RECEIVED BY OUR CATHOLIC PEOPLE, HAS EMPHASIZED THE PARTICIPATION OF THE WHOLE CHURCH IN THE WORK OF EVANGELIZING THE WORLD.

RECOGNIZING THAT WE ALL SHARE THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IN DIFFERENT WAYS, WE ASSURE YOU OF THE SUPPORT OF OUR PRAYERS IN YOUR LEADERSHIP AS THE SUCCESSOR OF ST PETER".

**The Secretary of State replied:**

"HOLY FATHER PLEASED TO RECEIVE DEVOTED MESSAGE OF ECCLESIAL COMMUNION SENT ON BEHALF OF AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS CONFERENCE AND HE ASSURES YOU OF HIS PRAYERS FOR YOUR LABOURS IN THE FIELD OF EVANGELIZATION. HE PRAYS THAT THE CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA WILL FIND RENEWED STRENGTH IN ITS MISSION AND FRESH VITALITY IN THE SPIRIT OF LIFE. COMMENDING ALL OF YOU TO THE INTERCESSION OF MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH HIS HOLINESS IMPARTS HIS APOSTOLIC BLESSING".

### **VISIT OF THE APOSTOLIC PRO-NUNCIO**

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Franco Brambilla in the course of the Opening Session of the Plenary Meeting spoke to the Bishops about the Annual Collection for the Pope, the Statistical Questionnaire, handling of communications which bypass the diocesan bishop, the World Meeting of Youth in Santiago, forgery of a Secretariat of State Document, transmission of documentation to the Holy See and the document (Prot.3314/88) dated 3 September 1988 from the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples regarding the Catholic Church in China.

### **7 MESSAGE TO RETIRED BISHOPS**

The Bishops decided to send greetings to these bishops.

### **8 50th ANNIVERSARY**

The Bishops congratulated Archbishop Rush and Bishop Prasko on this anniversary.

### **9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the November 1988 Meeting had been distributed to all members of the Conference. At the inaugural session the following motion was submitted:

**MOTION:** That the Minutes of the November 1988 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference be taken as read and be confirmed with the following corrections:

That "the Committee for Doctrine and Morals" replace "a Committee" in Motion n.36.1;

That "Bishop Cuskelly, Chairman of" be inserted after "together with" in Motion n.85.

**CARRIED**

REDACTED  
Relevance



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37 SPECIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

The Chairman of this Committee, Bishop Mulkearns, **requested** the bishops to notify him of any cases (not names) which had arisen.

REDACTED  
Relevance



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The following pages have been  
intentionally excluded:

**1486-1493, 1495-1536 inclusive**