

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE D21/90

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ST PAUL'S NATIONAL SEMINARY, KENSINGTON, N.S.W. FROM TUESDAY 1 MAY TO TUESDAY 8 MAY 1990

ATTENDANCE: The following were present:

His Eminence Cardinal E. Clancy, Archbishop of Sydney, President
 Most Rev F. Rush, Archbishop of Brisbane
 Most Rev F. Carroll, Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn
 Most Rev L. Faulkner, Archbishop of Adelaide
 Most Rev T. Little, Archbishop of Melbourne
 Most Rev E. D'Arcy, Archbishop of Hobart
 Most Rev W. Foley, Archbishop of Perth
 Most Rev I. Khalife, Archbishop-Bishop of St Maroun of Sydney
 Most Rev I. Prasko, Eparch of Ss> Peter and Paul of Melbourne
 Most Rev J. Jobst, Bishop of Broome
 Most Rev D. Warren, Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes
 Most Rev R. Mulkearns, Bishop of Ballarat
 Most Rev E. Kelly, Bishop of Toowoomba
 Most Rev J. Satterthwaite, Bishop of Lismore
 Most Rev P. Quinn, Bishop of Bunbury
 Most Rev E. Perkins, Auxiliary, Melbourne
 Most Rev D. Cremin, Auxiliary, Sydney
 Most Rev W. Murray, Bishop of Wollongong
 Most Rev J. Gerry, Auxiliary, Brisbane
 Most Rev R. Healy, Auxiliary, Perth
 Most Rev J. O'Connell, Auxiliary, Melbourne
 Most Rev P. Dougherty, Bishop of Bathurst
 Most Rev P. Murphy, Bishop of Broken Bay
 Most Rev N. Daly, Bishop of Sandhurst
 Most Rev B. Heather, Bishop of Parramatta
 Most Rev F. De Campo, Bishop of Port Pirie
 Most Rev J. Heaps, Auxiliary, Sydney
 Most Rev E. Cuskelly, Auxiliary, Brisbane
 Most Rev W. Brennan, Bishop of Wagga Wagga
 Most Rev G. Robinson, Auxiliary, Sydney
 Most Rev R. Benjamin, Bishop of Townsville
 Most Rev B. Hickey, Bishop of Geraldton
 Most Rev G. Mayne, Military Ordinary, Australia
 Most Rev J. Bathersby, Bishop of Cairns
 Most Rev P. Power, Auxiliary, Canberra and Goulburn
 Most Rev E. Collins, Bishop of Darwin
 Most Rev G. Riashi, Eparch of St Michael's of Sydney
 Most Rev P. Connors, Auxiliary, Melbourne
 Most Rev G. Pell, Auxiliary, Melbourne
 Most Rev J. Coffey, Bishop of Sale

REPRESENTATIVES:

Delegates from the National Assembly of Major Superiors of the Religious of Australia:

Very Rev. G. Reynolds, SM and Sister Helen Lombard, SGS.

2 APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from:

Bishop Jobst, for part of the meeting
 Bishop Kennedy, (his proxy was Bishop Daly)
 Bishop Wallace
 Bishop Clarke, (his proxy was Bishop Dougherty)
 Bishop O'Connell, for part of the meeting (his proxy was Archbishop Little)
 Bishop Khalife, for part of the meeting
 Bishop Murphy, for part of the meeting (his proxy was Bishop Bathersby)
 Archbishop Faulkner, for part of the meeting (his proxy was Bishop De Campo)
 Bishop Hickey, for part of the meeting (his proxy was Bishop Quinn)

3 MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

His Eminence, Cardinal Clancy, the Conference President was the principal celebrant of this Mass which was concelebrated in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart Monastery, Kensington, N.S.W. at 7.00 am on Friday 4 May 1990.

4 OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting began after recitation of "Prayer During The Day" at 3.15 pm on Thursday 3 May 1990.

The Opening Session of the Plenary Meeting was held on Friday 4 May beginning at 9.15 am.

The President, Cardinal Clancy, welcomed:

The Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, Archbishop F. Brambilla,
 the Representatives, and the Press Officer, Miss M. Newport.

5 MESSAGE TO THE HOLY FATHER

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

"THE BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA, MEETING IN CONFERENCE, EXPRESS DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO YOUR HOLINESS FOR YOUR CONSTANT AND COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS FOR YOUR AFFECTIONATE AND TIRELESS INTEREST IN THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY IN AUSTRALIA.

WE PLEDGE OUR COMPLETE LOYALTY.

A CENTRAL TOPIC FOR OUR CONFERENCE IS THE FORTHCOMING SYNOD ON "THE FORMATION OF PRIESTS IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PRESENT DAY".

THE BISHOPS PRAY THAT THE INDEFATIGABLE AND VALIANT EFFORTS OF YOUR HOLINESS TO ACHIEVE RELIGIOUS AND PERSONAL FREEDOM FOR THE PEOPLES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD MAY HAVE A MOST SUCCESSFUL AND ENDURING OUTCOME".

The Secretary of State replied:

"THE HOLY FATHER WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE DEVOTED MESSAGE OF ECCLESIAL COMMUNION WHICH YOU SENT HIM ON BEHALF OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE MEETING IN PLENARY SESSION. IN ASSURING YOU OF HIS PRAYERS THAT YOUR DELIBERATION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA IN HER WITNESS TO THE RISEN LORD HE COMMENDS YOU AND YOUR BROTHER BISHOPS TO THE INTERCESSION OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD. AS A PLEDGE OF GRACE AND PEACE IN CHRIST HER SON HE WILLINGLY IMPARTS THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING".

MESSAGE TO SICK AND RETIRED BISHOPS

The Bishops voted to send greeting to these bishops.

VISIT OF THE APOSTOLIC PRO-NUNCIO

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Franco Brambilla addressed the Bishops during the Opening Session of the Meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the November/December 1989 Meeting had been distributed to all members of the Conference. In the inaugural session the following motion was submitted.

MOTION: _____ That the Minutes of the November/December 1989 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Meeting be taken as read and be confirmed.

CARRIED

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Relevance



Special Issues Sub-Committee

Bishop Mulkearns, reported for this

Committee. 29 PROTOCOL

MOTION: _____ That the Conference accept in principle the strategy outlined in this Protocol so that the Protocol be accepted on a trial basis for a period of twelve months.

CARRIED

30 BROTHER PAUL NOONAN

The Committee advised that Brother Paul Noonan, Provincial Superior of the Saint Patrick's Province of the Christian Brothers, has been appointed successor to Brother Frank Chappell on the Special Issues Committee.

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Relevance



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The following pages have been
intentionally excluded:

1566-1574, 1576-1609 inclusive