

MEMO : TO COJNCIL
 FROM : G. T. FAULKNER
 DATE : 12TH MARCH, 1993
 RE : CATHOLIC INSTITUTIONS : PROPOSED TRUST FUND

1.0 COMMITTEE: The Committee examining this possibility is:

Joe Goerke (Chair) - Centrecare; Kevin Wringe - Executor Director Catholic Community Care Commission; Tony Pietropiccolo - Director Centrecare Marriage and Family Services; Isabel Andrews - Senior Social Worker Centrecare; Angela Ebert - Social Worker Catholic Migrant Centre; Sr. Tanya de Jong RGS - Catholic Migrant Centre; Br. Gerry Faulkner cfc.

1.1 Several meetings have been held over past six months; The Committee aims to finalise its work bu June 30, 1993.

1.2 The emphasis has shifted (due to C.B. influence) from a "Travel Assistance Scheme" to a Fund to service wider needs; and to encompass Clontarf, Castledare, Tardun, Bindoon, Nazareth House, St. Joseph's Wembley.

2.0 PURPOSE OF FUND: (expressed here in non-legal language)

- to assist former residents of Catholic Institutions named above in various ways.
 - e.g. - travel assistance to find/meet immediate family or close relatives
 - counselling services
- to assist community education re aspects of child abuse with a view to awareness and prevention.

3.0 MANAGEMENT:

3.1 The Fund would be managed by appointed Trustees including:

- a representative of C.B. Trustees
- a well-known public figure
- a lawyer
- one or two others.

3.2 The Trustees would have absolute discretion in processing applications, guided by set criteria of access. Criteria will include set dates for each institution, e.g. Bindoon 1936-67.

3.3 Trustees would need the services of a qualified Social Worker for interviews to follow up applications. Secretarial help may also be needed.

3.4 Process: i) written application in set form to Trustees ii) interview by Social Worker iii) Social Worker reports to Trustees iv) Trustees make decision.

4.0 OTHER ASPECTS:

4.1 Should the Fund be open to public subscription?
 If so, what happens if/when the Fund is no longer needed?

4.2 VOICES have told us that this proposed Fund does not satisfy their demands - they want lump-sum compensation. It is my belief that the establishment of a Trust Fund is as much as we can/should do.

5.0 SIZE OF FUND:

5.1 How much ought we inject into the Fund, given the following factors:

- C.B.'s will be major contributors
- Diocese won't/can't contribute
- Mercy and Nazareth Sisters may contribute, but not much
- public subscription (if we go that way) is unknown.

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- 5.2 C.B.'s may want to pay former Child Migrants who worked in our Institutions after age 16 and who apparently were not paid what was their due.
Some 20-30 may fit this criterion. If we do pay these men, it ought be separate from Fund.

6.0 NEXT STEP:

- 6.1 Joe Goerke to re-write, in broad terms, the nature and purpose of the Fund.
- 6.2 C.B.'s to agree, or modify, this overall scheme.
- 6.3 The 'brief' to be given to lawyer to write in legal form.
- 6.4 Next Meeting April 15 to finalise overall agreement and to name possible Trustees.

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