

Meeting at 340 Newnource Rd, Kallara. 31st May 71.

All present. Bishop Mulhearns: Bishops: Fucalini M.G., J. McKeough
 Frs. W. Melican, J. Madden, G. Bell, P. Downes,
 D. Torpy, H. Brundell

Correspondence Letter from Sr Valda R.S.M. re
 religious staffing in diocese.

Letter from Rev. P. Flanagan re
 parish boundaries at Maryborough, Sandborough
 and surrounding areas.

Paper by Rev. G. Bell presenting some
 thoughts and suggestions on the education
 of priests.

Bishop's Report. 1. Rev. P. Brown is at present in
 Washington D.C. and will be for
 at least two years.

2. Bishop Mulhearns has written to
 Bishop Stewart suggesting that the parish
 of Inglewood should be included in
 the diocese of Sandhurst. There has been
 no formal reply from Bishop Stewart, however
 informally there seems to be a good chance
 that Sandhurst may be agreeable.

3. ~~Proposed changes~~ The major issue
 for discussion at this meeting would
 be the matters future needs in parish
 staffing and parish boundaries.

A wide-ranging discussion followed
 covering staffing, the education of priests,
 the re-structuring of parish boundaries,
 diocesan resources, the nature of ministry etc.

It is important that rather than
 just look at boundaries on a map,
 suggestions for change must be made.

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on the needs and availability of people and should include areas for cooperation between existing parishes.

It was also suggested that possible changes in the structuring of the diocese might be matter for a diocesan assembly moved G. Bell; seconded F. McKenzie

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"That a sub-committee be formed to examine the whole question of diocesan staffing - including parish boundaries, the education of priests, inter-parish cooperation in certain areas, etc. This sub-committee should be L. Slesinski (chairman), G. Bell and D. Torpy with D. Byndell as chairman of the Council of Priests co-opted onto the committee"

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Permanent
Deaconate

There are two candidates seeking ordination to the permanent diaconate. However before accepting anyone it will be necessary to determine how the office of deacon would be exercised in the diocese, plus some guidelines for the acceptance and training of candidates.

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Diocesan
Pastoral
Council

Discussion centred on whether or not it is worth persevering with the D.P.C. at this stage. A suggestion was made that Parish Pastoral Councils should be asked if they think that the D.P.C. should continue.

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LAND

A request from the Lutheran Church

to buy an area of land on Ballarat Rd. Hamilton.

The meeting decided to seek the opinion of the Hamilton parish as to whether or not the land should be sold

Bishop announced the sale of the Talbot church and land at least (parish of Quambatook) -

> Moved W. Melton Seconded L. Fissalini
"That permission be granted to sell a housing block behind the church at Sreesham" Passed

> Moved L. Fissalini Seconded J. McKenzie
"That Consultors approve sale of land at Beac as suggested by the parish priest" Passed

> "That land at Carisbrook be sold"
Moved J. McKenzie
Seconded L. Fissalini (Passed)

Consultors also approved the purchase of two blocks of land adjoining the parish property at West Warrnambool -

In the afternoon the Bishop and his Consultors met with Sister Velda, Superior General of the Sisters of Mercy Ballarat East Plus her Council,

+ Janet Brown
Bishop of Ballarat
19/7/1977

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