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Minutes of the Consultors' Meeting
held at 340 Wendouree Parade, on
19th ~~June~~ 1979, at 3.30 P.M.
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PRESENT: Bishop Mulhearn, Msgr. L. Fissalini,
P. McKenzie, Frs. W. Melican, P. Downes,
K. Arundell, D. Torpiz.

APOLOGIES: Frs. J. Badden, G. Pell.

FR. PA.

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting held on 18th
April, 1979 were read and confirmed on
the motion of Msgr. L. Fissalini, seconded
by Fr. K. Arundell.

MATTERS
ARISING:
CARMELITE
SISTERS.

Bishop Mulhearn reported on correspond-
ence with the sisters. They are happy with
the Birregurra Presbytery as a suitable building
for a House of Prayer. They plan to take
up residence in October.

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Fr. Kevin Arundell gave a report on the
meeting between Fr. Bill Melican, the Carmelite
sisters and himself on site at Birregurra.
Fr. W. Melican indicated that Fr. John Carter,
P.P. Colac was confused about who was to be
responsible for the financial support of the
sisters once they were established at
Birregurra. Rev. Kevin Arundell would be happy
to join with Fr. J. Martin in any discussion
with the sisters.

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The Bishop will endeavour to
clarify matters.

SEMINARY
STAFFING: The Bishop gave a report of a
meeting but the obligations of the
Diocese were not clarified.

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TERTIARY
CHAIRMANCY

Bishop Mulhearn wrote to Fr. John McKinnon conveying the thoughts of the previous meeting. It had not seemed possible to invite Fr. J. McKinnon to this meeting, because of time limitations, but he would be invited to a future meeting.

FR. PAUL RYAN

The Bishop has written to Fr. Paul Ryan granting his request to return to America but pointing out that he remain a priest of this Diocese and stating that his situation be reviewed after a couple of years of pastoral work in the United States.

AGUINAS
COLLEGE

Mrs. L. Triscalini stated that a 15 year contract was being prepared to guarantee the Institute of Catholic Education the use of the Aquinas College site. Aquinas College authorities required the contract to negotiate grants for refurbishing works.

PORTLAND

It was reported that Fr. Maher was supplying in Portland.

DIOCESAN
OFFICES

Bishop Mulhearn reported on the discussion that occurred earlier in the day at the Priests' Senate Meeting. A motion was passed at the Senate Meeting:
That the Diocese proceed with the development of Diocesan Offices with as much consultation among priests and people as is feasible.

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1444
 ST. STURT. Mgr. L. Piscalini tabled a report
 103 acres on various options concerning the sale
 4.17 HA and possible future use of 1444 Sturt
 36 acres Street. Mr. John Boughton with assistance
 from others prepared the professional and
 full report.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Much
 concern was expressed about the
 restrictions placed on any non-government
 ownership of the house and land at 1444.
 The feeling of the meeting was that it would
 be a great advantage to dispose of the
 House and land in one transaction. Mgr. L.
 Piscalini said such a transaction was a
 distinct possibility because of the keen
 interest shown by the Institute of
 Educational Administration.

It was decided that the former sub-
 committee consisting of Mgr. L. Piscalini,
 F. McKenzie and Fr. P. Cadden would
 draw up terms of reference and suggest
 various architectural firms which would
 conduct a feasibility study regarding
 various options for the proposed Diocesan
 offices. Among the options would be 1444
 Sturt St.; the Cathedral Parish Buildings
 and the present site.

PROPERTIES. (i) Fr. Base Jongelblad wished to
 MANDANGATANG: dispose of land, near the church, which
 was once used as a tennis court.
 Permission granted, moved Mgr. L.
 Piscalini, seconded, Fr. D. Torpy.

(ii) WAANAMISSON EAST.

Fr. P. Downes sought permission to sell one block of land with access to the Princes Highway and to acquire two blocks adjoining the play-ground.

Approved: Moved Fr. K. Arundell.
Seconded Fr. B. Belican.

(iii) MARYBOROUGH.

Fr. Pat Flanagan wished to sell a block of land at Sarsbrook. The neighbouring block has already been sold to the local Shire of Tullaroop. The remaining land is adequate for the present and future needs of the Church.

Permission granted: Moved: Mayor J. McKenzie.
Seconded - Fr. D. Torpy.

(iv) MONIVAE COLLEGE.

The Rector, Fr. Dennis Uhr, M.S.C. wished to provide boarding accommodation near the college for the girls (female students). This year 1979 there are 29 boarders and applications are increasing each year.

The land owned by the Diocese and known as 'Bishop's Biddock' is close to the college.

Bishop Neulharns would be prepared to donate a portion of the land, for a residential building, to Monivae College.

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AGENDA

ITEMS:

A paper on "The Role of the Sister in Rural Areas" prepared by Sr. Alice Grissoll, R.S.M., had been circulated to the consultants prior to the meeting. The consultants were asked for their reaction to the paper.

① The consultants considered that the study envisaged would be valuable, as it would clarify important issues which must be faced where a Religious is to be involved in Parish or inter-Parish work.

② It was decided that the McCauley College areas, Donald, Charlton and St. Armand be suggested as the areas of research. This was because there is already inter-parish cooperation and contact. The meeting preferred not to make any definite suggestions as to where Sister should work.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(i) Sr. L. Fissalini reported the concern of the Remuneration Fund Executive that some parishes were not supporting their priests. Large claims were made against the Fund. It was felt that such a matter would be aired when the Senate meets discussed the whole salary issue.

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PRIORITY IN APPEALS. Fr. J. McKenzie claimed there was great confusion in the minds of priests and people about which appeals should be given prominence. He suggested there was much positive teaching concerning stewardship that should be presented to the people.

MARRIAGES EXTRA ECCLESIA. Fr. P. Downes expressed disappointment at the growing custom of good Catholics attending weddings involving Catholics who marry outside the Church.

The meeting concluded at 6.05 P.M.

+ *Ronald Strickland*
 Diocese of Ballarat.
 25/9/1979.