

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN CONSULTORS
 HELD AT THE DIOCESAN CENTRE ON
TUESDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1983

PRESENT: Most Reverend T.F. Little, D.D., K.B.E.
 Reverend Mgr. P.J. Connors, D.C.L., V.G.
 Reverend Mgr. J. Murray, E.V., P.P.
 Very Reverend T. Brophy, E.V., P.P.
 Reverend W.A. O'Driscoll, P.P.
 Reverend N. Coghlan, P.P.
 Reverend J. Mullally, P.P.
 Reverend P. Dalton.
 Reverend M. Casey.
 Reverend A. Feeney.
 Reverend J. Grech.

APOLOGIES: Most Reverend J.A. Kelly, D.D., V.G., P.P.
 Most Reverend E.G. Perkins, D.D., V.G., P.P.
 Most Reverend J.P. O'Connell, D.D., V.G., P.P.

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 15th December, 1982, and Thursday, 6th January, 1983, were read and confirmed.

1. Parish of North Fawkner: The Archbishop informed the Consultors that Father Meilak has resigned from his appointment as Assistant Priest in the Parish of North Fawkner within 29 hours of his arrival. The Consultors gave their approval for the decision of the Archbishop to transfer Father F. Barone from the Parish of East Reservoir to North Fawkner.

General discussion then took place on the advisability of drawing up guidelines for the acceptance of priests from Malta into the Archdiocese. It was agreed that there is no need for such action to be taken at this time.

2. Parish of Kyneton: The Archbishop informed the Consultors that he had appointed Father Cornelius Groot as Assistant Priest in the Parish of Kyneton. It was the wish of Father Groot to be appointed to a country parish. He also intends to attend the St. Peter's Centre Course in Canberra after Easter.

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3. Father E. Khoshaba: Father Koshaba has arrived in Melbourne to take up a part-time appointment as Chaplain to the Chaldean Community. It was expected that Father Koshaba would possess sufficient expertise in English to work as an Assistant Priest in a parish. At the present time he is taking English Courses. There is a present need to find a sympathetic priest who will encourage Father Koshaba. It was agreed that the Vicar General should approach Father S.P. O'Connell, Parish Priest of Coburg.

4. Parishes of Sunbury and Werribee: The Archbishop gave reports on the situations concerning clergy personnel in the Parishes of Sunbury and Werribee. It was agreed that the matter should be kept under review.

5. Monsignor K. Toomey: Monsignor Toomey has written to the Archbishop giving reasons why it would be most difficult for him to reside in a Presbytery whilst carrying out his duties as full-time Director to the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies. The Consultors agreed that the matter should be allowed to stand at least for the present.

6. Submission of Father E. Hodgens, Director of Pastoral Formation: Father Hodgens had made a submission on behalf of AAPROCC suggesting that one priest should take care of the whole range of clergy formation from pre-Seminary until after Ordination. The Consultors took the view that in a diocese the size of Melbourne such a task would be impossible for one man. There is need for regular, if informal, contact between the personnel responsible for clergy formation.

7. Parish of East Ringwood: Medical advice is to be sought as to when Father Cyril Blake can resume his appointment as Parish Priest. It may then be necessary to discuss with Father Peter Robinson the possibility of his postponing his St. Peter's Centre Course until the second half of the year.

8. Submission of Father Grant O'Neill: After examination of Father O'Neill's submission, which centred on the guidelines used by the Consultors in recommending appointments of Parish Priests by the Archbishop, it was agreed that some of the details in the letter should be seriously examined at the meeting of the Consultors in March. The Vicar General is to make a written response to Father O'Neill's letter informing him that the E.V. for Clergy will be pleased to discuss the letter with Father O'Neill.

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9. Father Luis Carneiro: The Consultors recommended that Father Carneiro should not be given an invitation to take up an appointment in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

10. Parish of Warburton: The Consultors gave their 'nihil obstat' to the suggestion that Father John Hennessy, S.A.C. should be appointed Parish Priest of Warburton in 1984.

11. Father Hal Ranger: Father R Maguire, Parish Priest of South Melbourne has written to the Archbishop offering accommodation at the South Melbourne Presbytery for Father Ranger and suggesting that Father Ranger might act as part-time Chaplain to St. Kevin's Junior School, Toorak. Upon receipt of a reply from the Diocese of Toowoomba the Archbishop will then interview Father Ranger.

12. Father N. McKie: Father McKie has now indicated that he would be pleased to accept an appointment as Parish Priest to Yea. The E.V. for Clergy is to discuss with Father F. McLaughlin, Adm. whether he intends to resign from his appointment at Easter 1983.

13. Chaplaincy Service to the Corrective Services Division of the Social Welfare Department: The Vicar General read to the Consultors a report which he forwarded to the Archbishop on 4th January, 1983, setting out the concerns of Father John Brosnan. It was agreed that the Vicar General should consult with the E.V. for Social Welfare as to what action should be taken.

14. Residence for the Chaplain to Melbourne University: Father J. Mullally informed the Consultors that a preliminary meeting had already taken place of the sub-committee formed by the Archbishop. The Archbishop recommended that the sub-committee should seek the advice of Father Brian Fleming.

The next meeting of the Consultors will take place on Tuesday, 8th March, 1983, at 2.00 p.m. at the Diocesan Centre.

H. Little.
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