

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN
CONSULTORS HELD AT THE DIOCESAN CENTRE ON
TUESDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1982

PRESENT: Most Reverend T.F. Little, D.D., K.B.E.
Most Reverend E.G. Perkins, D.D., V.G. P.P.
Most Reverend J.P. O'Connell, D.D., V.G., P.P.
Reverend Mgr. P.J. Connors, D.C.L., V.G.
Reverend Mgr. J. Murray, E.V., P.P.
Very Reverend T.E. Brophy, E.V., 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.
Reverend N. Coghlan, P.P.
Reverend W.A. O'Driscoll, P.P.

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 25th May, 1982, were read and confirmed after it was noted that in No. 3, Corpus Christi College, final line, "excessive" should read "exhaustive".

1. Parish of Healesville: Father John McCarter, P.P. has presented a letter of resignation from his appointment as Parish Priest of Healesville. It was agreed that his resignation should be accepted on the understanding that medical advice supports his resignation. The Parish of Healesville is to be advertised as being vacant in the next circular of the Vicar General. Father McCarter intends to reside as a boarder at Reservoir. He is to receive an appointment as Pastor Emeritus. The Vicar General is to make arrangements with the Priests' Renumeration Fund for an appropriate living allowance.

2. Father J. Scarborough: Approval was given for Father Scarborough to take up residence as Chaplain at St. John of God Hospital, Brighton. He is also to be appointed as Pastor Emeritus as from 17th July, 1982. The Vicar General is to discuss with Father Scarborough, the Priests' Renumeration Fund and the Hospital administration suitable financial arrangements for Father's living allowance and stipend.

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3. Parish of Croydon: Father T. Pidoto is to be appointed Assistant Priest in the Parish of Croydon upon the departure of Father John Hannon. At the present moment Father Pidoto is serving as Assistant Priest in the Parish of Templestowe.

4. Parish of Melton: Fathers John Mullally and Paul Dalton presented a report in which they recommended a division of the Parish of Melton with the establishment of a new Parish at South Melton in January, 1983. It was agreed in principle, by the Consultors that the Parish of South Melton be erected in January, 1983. Attention must also be given to the retention of an Assistant Priest in the Parish of Melton when the division takes place.

5. Parish of Clayton: Father Dalton informed the Consultors that a meeting of the sub-committee with interested clergy has yet to be convened.

6. Parish of East Frankston: The Vicar General, Monsignor P. Connors tabled a report on a recent visit of Bishop Kelly and himself to the Parish of East Frankston. It was agreed that final recommendations could not be made in the absence of Bishop Kelly.

7. Chaplain of the Catholic Deaf Community: Father Phillip O'Donnell is to be approached by Father Anthony Feeney to ascertain his willingness to accept an appointment as Chaplain to the Catholic Deaf Community in 1983.

8. Chaplain of Corrective Services: Very Reverend Father Paul Duffy, S.J., is to be approached by the Archbishop to indicate the availability of Peter Norden, S.J., as a successor to Father John Brosnan for a fixed term. The Consultors agreed that Father Norden had shown positive signs of a special charism for this Ministry.

9. Corpus Christi College: The Consultors took the view that Father Jim Briglia and Thomas Brophy should not be considered for appointment as Moderators for men in the first years of their seminary training. Father Victor Farrugia might also be added to the list presented by the seminary staff. The Consultors were also of the view that Father Peter Fulton should not be excluded because of his physical disability. The Archbishop thanked the Consultors for their advice in this very important matter.

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10. Hospital Chaplaincy Service: The Vicar General, Monsignor P. Connors tabled a list of possible Hospital Chaplains which had been drawn up by Father John McEntee and himself. The list is yet to receive the attention of the Episcopal Vicar for Social Welfare. The matter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
11. Director of Renewal Programme: Once again, discussion was directed towards the nature of the programme. The Consultors suggested that Fathers John O'Reilly, P.P. and Michael Fitzpatrick, P.P., would be suitable choices as Directors who could examine the feasibility of the project.
12. Parish of Meredith: Monsignor James Murray informed the Consultors that there had been no developments in the Parish during the past month.
13. Parish of Sunbury: It was agreed that the personnel situation in the Parish of Sunbury requires constant review.
14. Melbourne Overseas Mission: The Archbishop tabled a letter from Archbishop Copas in which he sought renewal of appointments for Fathers J. Flynn and P. Harvey, although he suggested that in future appointments of Priests as Melbourne Overseas Missionaries in Papua New Guinea should be for a fixed time. It was noted that this was always the intention of the Archbishop when Priests were sent to overseas missionary appointments. It was agreed that Fathers Flynn and Harvey should remain in their present appointments.
15. Overseas Studies: Although little time was devoted to this topic it was noted that the area of moral theology still requires attention.
16. Director, Pastoral Formation: Father Eric Hodgens has indicated his wish to be relieved of his present appointment. The Consultors nominated Fathers J.J. Briglia and P. Matheson and D. Minogue for consideration as his successors.

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17. Application of a Vietnamese Priest: The Archbishop informed the Consultors that a Vietnamese Priest, who is at present, in a refugee camp in Indonesia wished to come to Australia. More information is required concerning the Priest before further consideration can be given to this matter.

18. Parish of Scoresby: Bishop Perkins has received a letter from the Parish Council requesting the appointment of an Assistant Priest. It was agreed that high priority should be given to the pastoral needs of this Parish.

19. Director of Catholic Relief Office: As a successor to Father Len Thomas the Consultors recommended that Father Brian Cosgriff be approached.

The next meeting of the Consultors is to take place in the Archbishop's Board Room at 2.p.m. on Thursday, 29th July, 1982.

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