

CURIA MEETING: 14/7/88

Mr. Exell congratulated on his appointment.

SECTION A:

1. PROPERTIES UPDATE: Documents tabled, with comments on:
 - Doncaster East: a pity to sell at present and break block; better to hold land and borrow some money.
 - (Note: D.E.M.F. money needed to buy property in first place. Should it be sold at great profit? Does this constitute breach of principle re D.E.M.F.?)
 - Norlane: property to be sold, to permit St. V. de P. hostel to be built and school re-located.
 - Kilmore: a) Pyalong: division within community, re re-locating and re-building of school.
b) Wallan: needs watching re possible future development.
 - N.B.: problems re local solicitor holding titles to several blocks and not producing them.
2. SOUTH MELBOURNE:
 - Financial situation very precarious, will be more so for his successor. Already a cheque has been stopped.
 - seems clear that P.P. has complete freedom re Ryan estate.
 - almost certain that parish money goes into Open family organization.
 - Mr. Exell to urge P.P. not to sell any property; any sale fraught with danger.
 - need to think of next P.P.!
3. GREENVALE:
 - some 1000 objections have been received to liquor licence.
4. GARDENVALE & NATIONAL TRUST:
 - Mr. Exell has spoken with Trust representatives, to explain Church's view.
5. CENTRAL CATHOLIC LIBRARY:
 - Mr. Exell to meet "C.C.L. Friends'" group.
 - Jesuits not keen to keep up C.C.L.
 - "Friends" should be led to see that bookshop finances library.
 - very possibly bookshop could continue, but library would have to go.
 - report soon to be completed and presented to archbishop.
6. LOAN TO I.C.E.:
 - has been done before and could be done again.
 - who owns I.C.E. properties? Best for purchased property titles to be kept in name of R.C.T.C.
7. C.E.O. AUDIT:
 - report by Mr. Exell read.
 - N.B. C.E.O. Melbourne and C.E.C.V. overlap.
 - need to scrutinize all programs carefully.
 - present situation causes concern.
 - matter of final authority discussed.
 - discussion of administration of government grants.
 - need to consider matter of separation of Melbourne from rest of Victoria.
 - Matter to be referred to D.F.C. for discussion.
 - Aspects of audit to be referred to Fr. Doyle for clarification.
 - What budgetary procedure does C.E.O. follow? Why a \$1m surplus one year, a \$1m loss the next?

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8. CROYDON:

- sale of monastery has fallen through; but plans for re-zoning and sub-dividing is proceeding.
- if I.C.E. wishes it can bid (\$4m plus) but has to make up mind quickly. Probably can't decide in such a short time.

9. CLAYTON:

- feeling is that \$150,000 too much to spend on basic repairs.
- probably can be reduced to \$50,000. Mr. Exell to enquire.
- could C.C.C. site be retained, with master plan for total re-building in stages. Some buildings retainable: e.g. Chapel.

10 VICTORIAN PARENTS' COUNCIL:

- a non-party political, interdenominational organization, which does have an office on diocesan property.

11 GENAZZANO PARENTS:

- seeking more accommodation for country girls, blaming Church authorities for non-support.
- seeking Mr. Exell's help re finding accommodation.

12 DOVETON:

- P.P. still keen to build church, despite instruction to desist for five years.

13 BUILDERS:

- builders are not and will not be recommended, though builders' names have been provided.

SECTION B:14 COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: CHARTER

- Draft no. 2 tabled
- Curia members asked to read and make observations by 21/7/88.

15 N.P.I. CLOSURE - IMPLICATIONS FOR PASTORAL FORMATION:

- Clergy seminar (14/7/88) raised pastoral matters re pastoral planning:
 - e.g. young priests say P.P.s block new ideas; P.P.s say they can't introduce new ideas on their own.
- Thus, N.P.I. closure does have serious pastoral implications.
- Some suggestions have been made:
 - Fr. Nicholson, using RENEW.
 - C.C.C. prepared to offer some formation for pastoral workers.
 - Sister Sonia Wagner to spend 1989 researching situation.
 - Fr. Dalton has some ideas.
- Archbishop feels a conference needed, involving above people and others, e.g. Fr. Garland, Fr. Doyle.
 - Fr. Dalton has discussed this with Bishop Connors and asked him to be chairperson.
 - need to avoid overly academic, professional membership.
 - P.P.s need to be on any committee.
 - need also to cater for migrant and religious presence.
 - N.B. if any system/program is to succeed it must have support of P.P.s
 - what are the economics of a system using lay assistants? Can parishes afford them?
 - is there too much emphasis on professional, salaried pastoral assistants?
 - Would permanent diaconate system help? Need it clash with lay pastoral assistant system?

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15. (cont'd)
- Need to be wary of power game in area of adult education.
 - Need for training at many levels
 - need to retain tradition of volunteer workers in parishes.
- N.B. Who should be trained? for what should they be trained?
15. FR. NICHOLSON'S REPORT:
- touches on what was discussed in previous item.
 - perhaps RENEW and R.C.I.A. could run together.
 - should R.C.I.A. be optional or mandatory?
16. V.C.S.A.: Priest Representatives:
- Fr. Hally suggested Frs. Brian Bainbridge, D. Minogue, T. T. Keane.
17. COMMITTEE ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE:
- Dr. E. Seal, Mr. B. O'Callaghan and V.G. met (Fr. D. Torpey not available)
 - Mr. O'Callaghan to look at N.S.W. model.
 - Dr. Seal will discuss a pattern of sex abuses.
18. GERRY MULVALE:
- Fr. Curtain enquired re G. Mulvale's status re R.I.
19. "MARIAN CATHOLIC COUNSELLING SERVICE:
- no right to use "Catholic," no matter how laudable their aims may be.

NEXT MEETING OF CURIA THURSDAY, 11th. AUGUST AT 2.00 p.m.
