



MINUTES OF CURIA MEETING
THURSDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1993

Mr. J. Mangelsdorf in attendance, representing the Business Manager.

SECTION A

1. **PROPERTY UPDATE**

Purchases: Watsonia - Discussions on the valuation of the property continuing with Department of Finance.

Sales: Hawthorn - Sold above valuation.

Yarraville - Offer received from International Buddhist Association conditional upon receiving permit from Council for proposed use.
2. **PARISH MATTERS**

Melton South: Has received a special grant of \$8500 from DEMF.
3. **AGED CARE**

Mulgrave: The Hostel has now been fully handed over to Catholic Homes for the Elderly.

Geelong: Proceeding smoothly.
4. **BISHOPS AS EMPLOYERS**

The Archbishop has received clarification from Father Doyle that bishops are not the employers of teachers in Catholic schools, but are the employers of CEO staff. Bishop Deakin raised the question of bishops' liability in sexual abuse cases. Further clarification and legal advice will be sought from CEO.



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5. **DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR PASTORAL ASSOCIATES/ASSISTANT**
Bishop Connors, referring to the draft pro-forma circulated, indicated that the twelve month Agreement sought to overcome difficulties caused by personnel in parishes, especially in clergy changes. Discussion followed on whether parishes should provide a car in addition to a full religious stipend.
For further discussion at next Curia meeting.
6. **CAR FOR PRIEST-SECRETARY OF S.P.F.**
The possibility of the SPF providing Father Beasley with a car, sales-tax exempt, is still being investigated.
7. **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES COMMISSION - Church fundraising**
Advice has been received that ASC intends holding a public hearing regarding the impact of Corporations Law on Investment Programmes established by non-profit organisations. Closing date for submissions 11th February 1994. The SPF will prepare a separate submission. Business Manager will request information from parishes, particularly those running independent loan schemes.
It was agreed that the Business Manager should also advise Sister Maureen Minahan, Conference of Leaders of Religious Congregations.
8. **AUSTRALIAN TAX OFFICE AND REMUNERATION OF PRIESTS**
Mr. Mangelsdorf advised that this matter is on the agenda of the meeting of Business Managers presently taking place in Sydney.
9. **REQUEST FOR MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS**
Mr. Exell's document to the Vicar General regarding Father Bainbridge's proposal was tabled. Business Manager had also been approached by CROPP regarding the same Consultant, Harrison Owen, also at Father Bainbridge's suggestion.
10. **AUTHORITY TO SIGN CHEQUES**
A request, from one parish, has been received by the Business Manager suggesting that the policy in place for schools be applied to the Parish Church Account. It was agreed that such a change in policy would be premature, and would need wide support among the priests first.



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11. **ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY**
The decision to fund the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Outreach Worker, in a new twelve months Agreement, has been communicated to Vicki Walker.
12. **FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES**
Preliminary discussions have taken place between the Business Manager, Catholic Fundraising and Catholic Family Welfare Bureau. Support was expressed for this initiative.
13. **SILVERWATER PROPERTY**
Investigations are continuing into this part of the proposed investment portfolio in Sydney.
14. **TOMORROW'S CHURCH - Administrative, financial questions**
An ad hoc reference group has met once to address, in a preliminary way, the possible financial and administrative implications of the Tomorrow's Church.
15. **INCORPORATION OF DIOCESAN KINDERGARTENS**
It appears that Government funding is to be tied into a mechanism whereby the kindergartens will need to be incorporated bodies. The need for parishes to follow proper incorporation procedures was stressed.
16. **SPECIAL ISSUES - protection of diocesan assets.**
Mr. Mangelsdorf reported on a recent meeting to identify means of protecting diocesan assets in the event of successful litigation following allegations of sexual abuse. The Business Manager will prepare a report for the Diocesan Finance Council.
17. **ESTATES**
Costa
This Estate will be directed to the education of priests and the Infirm Priests Sustentation Fund.
- Callinan**
Preliminary work has been completed and draft affidavits have been forwarded to all interested parties. A preliminary letter proposing a sub-division of the Estate has been forwarded to the local Shire.



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18. **SALARY**
Bishop Deakin raised the question of the Vicar General's Secretary's salary. Mr. Mangelsdorf said he would discuss the matter with Mr. Exell.

SECTION B

1. **FATHER R. PICKERING**
Further to the request from Bishop Jukes, UK, discussion focused on the need to protect the Archbishop and the diocese. Bishop Pell would follow up with Father Ian Waters.
2. **CAMPBELL'S CREEK PILGRIM CHURCH**
The Archbishop has received a request to make available a priest for the celebration of Mass at the site of alleged apparitions.
3. **FATHER DENIS SHEEHAN**
Father Sheehan has written to the Archbishop proposing he be appointed as Assistant Priest early March, 1994. Father Cosgriff to be advised.
4. **REV. SCOTT REID**
The Archbishop referred to correspondence received from Scott.
5. **HOLY SPIRIT OF FREEDOM COMMUNITY**
The Archbishop has received a request from Frank Feian to reserve the Blessed Sacrament on the premises. Bishop Connors to speak with Father O'Reilly, PP, to gauge his support for the proposal. If agreed to, an annual review with the Parish Priest should be included as a condition.
6. **EPISCOPAL ORDINATIONS - SVD Diaconate**
Saturday, 30th April, 1994 ? am
Bishop Deakin.
7. **TOMORROW'S CHURCH**
The Archbishop distributed copies of a proposal from Father P. Nicholson for a programme of follow-up to Tomorrow's Church. It was agreed that discussion of this proposal should take place after the report itself is submitted to the Archbishop.



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8. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM MAURICE BLACKBURN**
It was agreed that copies of the correspondence should be forwarded by the Vicar General to the priests named.
9. **FATHER J VAN SUYLEN**
Following lengthy discussion on the possibility of a negotiated settlement, it was agreed that Bishop O'Connell and the Vicar General would draft a reply for Monsignor Cudmore to send to Father Phil Smith.
10. **MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF FATHER JOHN MONAHAN SJ** - is to be celebrated at Immaculate Conception, Hawthorn, on 22nd December 1993, at 10.30 a.m.

Next meeting of Curia, Thursday, 23rd December, 2.00 p.m.