



**MINUTES OF CURIA MEETING
THURSDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1993**

SECTION A

1. **PROPERTY UPDATE** - As per status report.
2. **PARISH MATTERS**
 - Moorabbin** A growing division between the school and Church is apparent. Concern that PP is unable to deal with situation.
 - Croydon** Two apparent genuine offers in the Hewish Road site.
3. **INDUSTRIAL MATTERS**

Increasing concern is being expressed (by CPFC staff) regarding rights, conditions and permanency. ACBC Committee, while providing a national focus, should have a representative from the Archdiocese. Mr. Exell will write to the Archbishop with a specific proposal for the next Bishops of the province meeting.
4. **BAYSIDE DEVELOPMENT**

Fathers E. Smith and H. Ranger showing interest in expansion. They will meet soon with Bishop Connors. Mr. Exell stressed the importance of not overspending in the early stages.
5. **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Exell reported on the meetings which have taken place between the Vicar General, Mr. P. Thomas, Fathers G. Smith and B. Fleming and himself which have focused on communications in the Archdiocese, and the role and place of media.
6. **CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**
 - a) Industrial Commission Inquiry - the detailed terms of reference have not yet been set.



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- b) Co-ordination in aged care - Fathers Mogg and Norden have expressed interest in co-ordinating the Diocese's efforts in aged care . Discussion on the desirability of establishing an Episcopal Vicar for aged care.

Bishop Connors advised that the Australian Catholic Health Care Association has engaged the full-time services of Mr. Ted Heenan; who hopes to conduct a Seminar in Melbourne next February.

Mr. Exell spoke of the possibility of formulating a strategy whereby Catholic Homes for the Elderly would act as an umbrella for those independent Catholic Aged Care Institutions.

- c) Request for Research Monies (IYF) - Father Mogg is aware of the budget extended to Mrs. M. Crowe for IYF activities. He is still seeking funding for CSS to engage in research activities. It was agreed that the research was a good initiative and should be conducted on an ad hoc basis rather than establish a permanent research body.

7. **AGED CARE**

- a) Sunshine Nursing Home Project - building is half completed. New Mercy Provincial, Sister Helen Delaney, has expressed interest in re-opening talks to establish a co-operative effort for the provision of aged and hospice care.
- b) Southern Cross Homes -
- c) Possible New Ventures - the next major venture could be the Geelong Nursing Home from the Rice Moylan Estate.



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8. **CATHEDRAL RESTORATION**
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 b)
 c) Centenary Book - Mr. Falkinger has pre-empted all discussion by presenting the Archbishop with a proposed book for the Cathedral Centenary. Father McCarthy to be asked to advise the Archbishop regarding the draft and to prepare a reply for the Architect.
9. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**
 The lifestyle issue was a factor in a non-practising Catholic not being granted an interview for employment with the Liturgical Centre. The Equal Opportunity Commissioner has advised that, because of the Church's exempt status, no further action will be taken.
10. **VOCATIONS CENTRE - Contribution from SPF**
 Mr. Exell advised that the SPF will discontinue making the small annual donation to the work of the Vocations Centre. This practice reflected the early history of the link between SPF and Vocations in Father J. Wall.
11. **PRIESTS' RETIREMENT ISSUES**
 Colts for retired priests are likely to increase sharply past 2000, and resources will be insufficient to maintain the present level of remuneration. Mr. Exell will develop a proposal for the DFC whereby a fund is established in 1999 with both PRF and diocesan contributions. The possibility of an increase in parish contributions to the PRF from 20% to 25% must also be considered.
12. **ACU - Chair in Theology**
 The Archbishop sought reactions on the confidential short list for the Chair in Theology.



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13. **REPORT FROM AUSTRALIAN HEALTH CARE MEETING**
The Archbishop thanked Mr. Exell for his extensive notes following the recent AHC meeting.
14. **MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (17.8.93)**
The Archbishop made reference to the Minutes of the most recent meeting..
15. **INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY**
The Archbishop thanked Mr. Exell for the memorandum following his recent meeting with Mrs. M. Crowe. A submission is in preparation for the Archbishop.
16. **BISHOPS' CONFERENCE CIRCULAR (C14/93)**
Bishops Connors and Deakin will attend the media training for Bishops.
17. **BISHOPS' CONFERENCE**
18. **ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL**
The Archbishop thanked Bishop Connors for his advice regarding St. Vincent's Hospital's proposal to establish a single ethics centre for all Catholic hospitals.
19. **LITURGICAL AND MUSIC RESOURCE KIT**
The Archbishop has received a complimentary copy from Mr. M. Wood of the latest resource kit. Concern was expressed that some dioceses had already proceeded with publication of a diocesan hymnal.
20. **NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL - SUMMERVILLE**
Copy of Father Doyle's letter to the Archbishop proposing a new parish primary school in Summerville within the parish of Hastings will be forwarded to Mr. Exell.
21. **PARISH LOANS**
Mr. Exell advised that the DEMF will consider a proposal whereby 40 year loans will be reduced to 20 year loans, thereby freeing up a pool for future parish projects and purchases.



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SECTION B

1. **FATHER R. PICKERING**
The Archbishop has received an inquiry from Bishop John Jukes, OFM, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark, seeking an indication that Father Pickering is in good standing. It was suggested the Archbishop reply to Bishop Jukes by telephone.
2. **CONFRATERNITY OF CHRIST THE PRIEST**
The Archbishop referred to Father Ian Waters' memorandum concerning the historical background of the situation to date; Bishop O'Connell and Fathers to continue monitoring.
3. **FATHER J VAN SUYLEN**
Bishop O'Connell said that Father P. Smith believes that little further can be achieved in dialogue with Father Van Suylen.
4. **DEAF APOSTOLATE & PRAHRAN PARISH PROPOSAL**
Father G. Bourke has proposed that the Deaf Apostolate be incorporated into the Prahran Parish structure.

It was agreed the Archbishop would seek advice from Father I Waters.
5. **DEANERY CO-ORDINATOR - CHELTENHAM**
Of the names proposed by Father F. Martin it was agreed the Archbishop should approach Father C. Blake.
6. **VIETNAMESE - Flemington**
The Archbishop referred to correspondence he had received from an individual in the Vietnamese Community at Flemington. Bishop Connors said that the difficulties had arisen because the conditions of incorporation had not been followed in that the Chaplain must be the Chairman of the incorporated body. Incorporation had taken place to enable funding for the social workers. The Archbishop will reply, indicating that Bishop Connors will keep him advised.



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7. **DOCUMENTS FROM ROMAN CONGREGATIONS**

The Archbishop circulated copies of documents he had received from various Congregations during the ad limina visit. Circulation was discussed and it was agreed that copies should go to Fathers D. Hart, F. Harman, I. Waters and J. Hannon.

8. **EPISCOPAL ENGAGEMENTS**

Jesuit Diaconate, Saturday 9th April, 1993, St. Ignatius Church, Richmond, Bishop Deakin.

9. **DEANERY ADVISORY UNIT**

The Vicar General asked what was the role of Auxiliary Bishops in the accountability process for Deanery Co-ordinators. The Auxiliary Bishops expressed willingness to take part in such a process. The Archbishop suggested that the framework be developed first.

Next meeting of Curia, Thursday, 25th November, 1993.
2.pm.