



MINUTES OF CURIA MEETING - THURSDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1993.

SECTION A

1. PROPERTY UPDATE - as per status report.
 SALES; CROYDON - some interest in the Hewish Road property from developers.
 PURCHASES
 WATSONIA. There may be a possibility of purchasing the former monastery.

2. PARISH MATTERS
 HAMPTON PARK - Parish boundary coincides with Sale Diocese. Father O'Neill has indicated that significant development is happening on the Sale side of the parish boundary, resulting in considerable "border hopping".
 KYNETON/LAVERTON - Mr. Exell expressed concern that both parishes, having booked fund-raising campaigns, cancelled within weeks of the campaign starting.
 EAST BRIGHTON - Mr. Exell reported on Father Heriot's dispute with the architect, who had been engaged before Father Heriot became parish priest. Mr. Exell has indicated a solution which may not be enthusiastically received.
 GISBORNE - National Trustees have indicated they would be willing to release to the R.C.T.C. the Estate of Mr. Pascoe Smith.
 SUNSHINE NORTH - Construction of the new hostel is underway.

3. NURSING HOME AGREEMENTS
 A copy of the Archbishop's letter to Minister Howe, following their recent meeting, has been forwarded to Father McKenna, A.C.B.C., and Father David Cappel.

4. CATHOLIC AIDS MINISTRY
 Father P. Wood, M.S.C., has been notified that D.E.M.F. will approve his stipend for the next year. He will need to approach Religious Orders directly for a second stipend.

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5. EXTENSION FUND BUDGETS
 1994 Budget has been completed. Attempts have been made to peg amounts to last year's funding levels and to keep costs down. Mr. Exell indicated two major shifts in policy;
- i) As the rate of parish expansion has slowed, and because of a surplus of existing sites, the annual allocation of \$400,000 for the purchase of new sites will cease.
 - ii) Parish loans will be reduced from forty years to twenty years and parishes will be encouraged to reduce the loan at a faster rate. This will provide the D.E.M.F. with a body of funds which should become self-funding to cover annual expansion.
6. MELBOURNE CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
 Father Fleming gave a summary of the present situation. Having been approached to approve a review of C.S.S., the Archbishop was unhappy with the proposed terms of reference suggested by M.C.S.S. The Archbishop, in replying to Father Mogg, indicated he wanted a more broadly based review which would focus on the family. An apparent rift between M.C.S.S. and C.F.W.B. (take-over of C.F.W.B.'s funds??) is deepening.
 We are faced with the prospect of three possible reviews -
- i) A review of social welfare, along the broad lines suggested by Father Mogg.
 - ii) A review of welfare, focusing on the family.
 - iii) A review into welfare, with particular attention to the tax exemption for charitable bodies (item 12).
7. CATHEDRAL PLACE
 A formal response from the Archdiocese for submission to Treasury will be made shortly.

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8. DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST
The general standard of applicants for the recently advertised position was not high. No-one has been accepted. A letter has been received from Ms Sandy Cornish, Assistant to the Executive Secretary, B.C.J.D.P., requesting assistance in her efforts to collect all episcopal statements and policies relating to justice in Australia. Specifically, she has requested access to the archives. This was declined. It was proposed she be referred to Father Dimattina's Committee or Father W. Smith, S.J.
9. LOCATION OF VOCATIONS OFFICE
Father Johnson has three options; stay in the present location, move to the upstairs level of the newly-acquired property in Albert Street, or move to commercially rented premises. It was agreed that, there being nothing wrong with the Albert Street premises, it would be difficult to justify an expense of \$20,000 - \$30,000 to move Vocations to commercial premises.
10. INVESTMENT OF DIOCESAN FUNDS
Diocesan Finance Council approval has been given to a proposal whereby Catholic Education Office agreement will be sought on a joint investment policy with the Archdiocese.
11. CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY, GREENVALE.
Possible industrial problems with maintenance/building staff.
12. INDUSTRY COMMISSION ENQUIRY - Tax exemption for charitable bodies.
The Diocese should take this very seriously and, as well as supporting any submission at the national level, should develop its own position. The enquiry has possible far-reaching implications for Catholic organisations.
13. SPECIAL ISSUES - Public Relations
Report on the recent meeting with Mr. Laurie Kerr, I.P.R., with a view to establishing a strategy for the Archdiocese. Mr. Exell will consult further with Mr. L. Kerr and prepare a draft strategic plan for discussion. Bishop Connors will be kept fully informed. /4...

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SECTION B

1. FATHER L. KELLY
Latest report is that he is still unconscious and on dialysis. Confraternity of Christ the Priest supplying.
2. FATHER BOB NINK
After meeting with the V.G., Father Nink has agreed to take a holiday, commencing first weekend in October, after a doctor's examination.
3. FATHER CANICE CONNORS & CLERGY ASSEMBLY
Concern was expressed about the appropriateness of the venue, as well as the initial mail-out to clergy which suggested that the two days would focus only on special issues. Father Cosgriff will be invited to meet with Bishop O'Connell and V.G.
4. NON-CATHOLIC BAPTISM OF A CHILD/RECEPTION INTO CHURCH
Monsignor Cudmore referred to a case in the Doncaster parish. Formal canonical advice will be sought from Father Ian Waters.
5. FATHER MARCOS HEFDALLA
It is proposed that Father Marcos reside at the Flemington presbytery, and have the use of the Church of Ease at Moreland. Father Cosgriff to liaise with all parties.
6. ST CATHERINE'S HOME; OPEN DAY/BLESSING
Curia supported Mr. Jim Coghlan's proposal that a formal Blessing Ceremony in recognition of the building's opening to be held on 28th November would be appropriate.
7. FATHER S. RIGO
Apparently Professor B. Daffey has not been formally advised of Father Rigo's appointment by the Archbishop to A.C.U.'s Mercy Campus.

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8. FATHER JOHN VAN SUYLEN

In the most recent developments Bishop O'Connell and the Vicar General have met separately with Father Phil Smith regarding the possibility of a negotiated settlement.

NEXT MEETING OF CURIA - THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1993.

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