



MINUTES OF CURIA MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 27TH MAY, 1993

SECTION A

1. **PROPERTY UPDATE** As per status report.
The purchase on 26th May of 402-404 Albert Street means the Diocese now owns six of the terrace houses opposite.

2. **PARISH MATTERS**

Woodend Monsignor Cudmore and Mr. Burton met recently with Father Ahern and then with three of the Committee. Not much progress. Father Ahern considering a new application. Discussion followed on whether a Parish Priest can act in the name of the R.C.T.C., or as its delegate. Also the question of remuneration for the Cairns Parish where Father Ahern stayed was raised; Bishop O'Connell to follow up.

Port Melbourne Parish bank about to be wound up.
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Croydon Proceeding well.

3. **MEETING OF DIOCESAN BUSINESS MANAGERS**
Mr. Exell has prepared a written report for the Archbishop on a recent meeting of Diocesan Business Managers.

4. **KILDARA PROPERTY**
Recent proposal made by the Diocese has been disregarded by the Brigidine Sisters.

5. **INNER CITY BOYS SCHOOLS WORKING PARTY**
It appears that the many vested interests will prevent the Working Party arriving at any realistic conclusion. Christian Brothers reluctant to surrender any ground on the future of North Melbourne.



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- 5a. **Archdiocesan Development Committee**
 Bishop O'Connell raised the matter of the procedure followed at the meeting of this Committee. In previous years there has been no time for discussion apart from the agenda prepared by the CEO. It is important that the issue of the over provision of Secondary schooling, and the future of small Primary schools, be raised. The Archbishop suggested that Bishops could bring any specific regional concerns to the next meeting of the PAB prior to the meeting of the Archdiocesan Development Committee.
6. **CATHEDRAL PLACE**
 Mr. Exell is continuing discussions with Treasury. Progress with the previous Government appears undermined. Suggestion that the Archbishop write directly to the Premier.
7. **STIPEND - Father Terry Callaghan**
 Has been resolved and will be paid from Diocesan funds.
8. **CATHOLIC DIOCESAN CENTRE**
 The area at the main doors of the Diocesan Centre, facing Albert Street, is presently under repair in an attempt to stop the leak in the Foyer of the Diocesan Centre Hall.
9. **CATHEDRAL RESTORATION AND APPEAL**
 The second stage of the Appeal is proceeding reasonably well. There is not a lot of new money but a strong commitment from present contributors.
- 9a. **MOM.**
 The Archbishop forwarded to Mr. Exell a request from MOM. for a computer. Mr. Exell to follow up.
10. **RICHARD AMBROSE -**
 Aboriginal request for assistance to purchase property.
 Mr. Exell has been approached regarding a proposal by the Aborigines to buy the St. John of God property at Yarra View for an alcoholic's centre. It was agreed that the request for the Diocese to buy this property for the Aborigines not be granted.



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11. **INDUSTRY COMMISSION INQUIRY INTO CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS**
Developments will need to be watched. Mr. Exell to take advice from Arthur Anderson.
12. **NCEC DOCUMENT** - Funding assistance to non-government schools.
The Archbishop made available the recently received document.
13. **DFC EXECUTIVE MEETING 13TH MAY**
The Archbishop had two questions regarding items in the Minutes of this meeting. One concerned the question of legal ownership of CEO properties. The other related to the difficulty of maintaining a portfolio of ethical investments.
14. **RCTC SOLICITOR**
The attendance of Mr. Michael Mornane at RCTC meetings was discussed. Mr. Exell advised that the Act did not require a solicitor to be present at the meetings and that most of the Trusts' work was handled by Corrs. Mr. Mornane's presence at the meetings has been a matter of courtesy.
15. **VCOSS PROPOSAL** - Victorian Community Summit
The Archbishop was recently approached by Archbishop Rayner and Rob Hudson, VCOSS, regarding a proposal to hold a Community Summit as an opportunity for some Christian expression on community issues. The proposal is for a two-day Summit; wide ranging participants; Steering Committee mainly from representatives of churches.

SECTION B

1. **PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TASK GROUP**
Bishop O'Connell reported that the regional meetings had been going well; a good exchange of views. The document has been well received. Discussion followed.



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2. **ST. VINCENT de PAUL APPEAL**
The Vicar General advised that following discussion he has been advised by the Society that a schools' appeal will be conducted on Friday, 18th June, and a parishes' appeal on Sunday, 20th June. The Society will contact parish priests for permission to conduct the collection. A public appeal is being planned for late August.
3. **RESERVATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**
The Vicar General, referring to a letter from Sister Gabrielle Jackman, Presentation, sought clarification on policy.
4. **SPECIAL ISSUES**
Bishop Pell reported on his attendance for Fr. G. Ridsdale in the Magistrates Court.

Arrangements for the Melbourne Priests' Day have been finalised for Tuesday, 29th June, 1993, at the Veneto Club.
The legal expenses incurred by a priest in this area will be regarded as his own personal expense.
5. **REVEREND ANTHONY KENNY**
A married man, convert to Catholicism, soon to be ordained a priest for the Ballarat Diocese. He is a Lecturer at ACU, both at Christ Campus and Aquinas. It is expected he will celebrate Mass on some occasions at Christ Campus.
6. **VILLA MARIA CHAPLAINCY**
Referred to the next meeting of PAB.
7. **GARDENVALE PARISH**
Father Pickering has left Australia suddenly for England.
8. **ASCOT VALE**
Father Dimattina has indicated he would be prepared to have Father Frank Larsen as a boarder. Bishop O'Connell to follow-up.



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9. **FATHER JOHN VAN SUYLEN**
Advice has been received by Corrs from Judge &
Papaleo that proceedings will continue.

Next meeting of Curia, Wednesday, 9th June, 1993, 2.00 pm