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**MINUTES OF CURIA MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST 1996**

Before Curia began to move through the items on the agenda, Archbishop Pell noted that any new arrangements regarding the organisation of Curia will begin next year. In the meantime structures are to remain as they are. The forthcoming PAB agenda is to be worked on by Bishop Connors and Father Ian Waters to be ready to brief the new Vicar General.

Archbishop Pell also noted that in terms of the agenda for Curia meetings there needs to be written reports published for certain items to be brought forward for Curia. This might allow time to concentrate on matters thought to hold greater priority.

Mr. Exell then asked how should these reports be framed? It was thought Curia should be a "clearing house" for information. Although there needs to be further thought on this.

Archbishop Pell noted that major policy issues will be for the Diocesan Consultors.

A suggestion was made that the Curia should begin with what is known as Section B. Then Mr. Exell would be given a particular time to join the Curia to begin what has been known as Section A.

Mr. Exell suggested the Agenda be divided into 1) for information, 2) for decision, 3) for policy direction.

1. **PROPERTY UPDATE**

Oakleigh - Sacred Heart School

Mr. Exell reported to Curia on the possible purchase of land near the school for the school's expansion.



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Drysdale

Mr. Exell alerted the Curia to Council demands to pay for land bought in Drysdale by the RCTC.

SALES2. **Fawkner North**

Mr. Exell drew attention of the Curia to possible sale of Campbellfield Church to the Chaldean Community. This he noted is under consideration.

Castlemaine

Mr. Exell noted complications developing in the sale of a property in the parish of Castlemaine. Ownership questions have arisen over the possible sale of the convent building in the parish. This convent had belonged to the Sisters of Mercy.

Mr. Exell explained that building now belongs to the parish. However it was decided that this question needs to be discussed with Sister Helen Delaney RSM. Here Bishop Deakin mentioned sale of properties in Mansfield by the Parish Priest. The PP of Mansfield has already contacted Mr. Bill Burton.

West St. Kilda

Mr. Exell explained his concerns regarding structural problems at Sacred Heart Mission, West St. Kilda. He noted that the current budget must be put in order. Mr. Exell is to meet with Father E. Smith and Mr. Grace. He strongly noted that action needs to be taken soon. Father Smith must accept the financial plan to return Mission to financial stability.

3. **228 VICTORIA PARADE**

Mr. Exell reported that the re-development of 228 Victoria Parade is progressing. The CEO should move in by November 1996. The Archdiocesan office could move in soon after. It was formally agreed by Curia that the building at 228 Victoria be called "James Gould House."



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4. **CATHEDRAL RESTORATION**

Mr. Exell reported that new landscaping plans will be forwarded to the Archbishop.

Archbishop Pell asked that the landscaping consultants contact him regarding suggestions for new plantings.

Archbishop Pell then reflected on the need to make the Cathedral a place of worship for all ethnic communities. He noted that this might be expressed through specific ethnic communities contributing towards stained glass windows in the Cathedral. He also mentioned that he would like to see a statue of Archbishop Mannix in the precincts of the Cathedral, a memorial to Mary MacKillop and some acknowledgment of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community in Australia. This acknowledgment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders could, he suggested, form part of the forecourt of the Cathedral entrance. Bishop Deakin asked that this should be reflected upon in terms of who should be consulted regarding this, what artists could be used and other issues relating to such a piece of artwork.

Mr. Exell noted that the forecourt will be laid with a concrete slab until further discussions regarding the forecourt are forthcoming.

Statue of Archbishop Mannix: It was commented that there should be no problem with a statue outside the Cathedral building.

The Archbishop also noted that he is anxious that overseas visitors for the Centenary be invited to Australia to Melbourne. He noted that these visitors will need to be invited soon.

Minutes of recent meeting are to be sent to Archbishop.

Mary MacKillop Memorial: Mr. Exell suggested that a Commission for a stained glass window could begin soon. An advisory group needed for this. A suggestion was made that Sister Margaret Manion might share this advisory group.



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Father Ian Waters then noted important dates connected with 1997, i.e. dates for the arrival of Bishop Goold, date for the erection of the Diocese, Centenary of Consecration of the Cathedral. These dates need to be carefully noted.

5. **CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE - meeting with Minister**

Mr. Exell reported to Curia on a recent meeting with the Sisters of Charity and the Health Minister, Mr. Knowles. The Bishops are to receive a copy of the notes from this meeting. It was noted that a joint statement is to be organised for next week on the future of St. Vincent's Hospital. Mr. Exell noted that this entire issue will be ongoing.

Archbishop Pell noted that a list of those things which one could reasonably expect to re-enforce Catholic identity at St. Vincent's Hospital needs to be made.

6. **EXTENSION FUND**

Mr. Exell reported to Curia that there is a review period at the moment and that Contracts need to be honoured. "Steady as she goes", for the next twelve months.

Archbishop Pell reported on a meeting with Father Ruys regarding Catholic Youth Ministry. He asked Father Ruys to write a proposal regarding CYM's future for the Archbishop. Needs to be further advice on this, 1) CYM immediate future. 2) Successor for Father Joe Ruys.

7. **VIRGIN MARY'S BAR**

Mr. Exell reported that there are two cases regarding this issue. 1) is the sign over the Bar, he noted this case is going positively. 2) registration of the name of the Bar. Mr. Exell noted that this is more difficult to change and a preliminary hearing on this issue will be held soon.

8. **BEQUEST PROGRAMME**

Mr. Exell reported that this programme is under way and a draft brochure is to go to Archbishop to advertise this programme. Archbishop is in agreement with this.



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9. **SPECIAL ISSUES**

Mr. Exell invited ideas regarding nominations for those who will build and lead new structures.

- 1) Compensation Panel - Sister Mary Kehoe's name was suggested. She would need to be firmly briefed on her role.
- 2) Independent Investigator - No new names were forthcoming.

Regarding the Compensation Panel the Archbishop noted that a suggestion has been made to establish a Trust, the interest of which would pay for counselling fees. This suggestion has been made to avoid an open-ended call on funding for counselling services.

Archbishop Pell noted that parish meetings regarding special issues, although difficult, need to be followed through.

Archbishop Pell then gave Mr. Exell a vote of thanks for his help over the last two weeks.

- 10 & 11. Mr. Exell noted to Curia the suggestion that the diocese might develop a "Council for the Ageing" to advise the diocese on health care needs for the aged and disabled. There needs to be consistent policies developed in this area. Especially for care in the home. This is a suggestion at this stage, Mr. Exell noted.

At this point a suggestion was made regarding the possible naming of the Clifton Hill Villa. The Archbishop recommended the Frank Little Villa with a Frank Harman Wing.

12. **BENEDICTINE SISTERS - Croydon**

Mr. Exell noted that Sisters are now pressing for an Agreement with the diocese regarding the property in which they live. It was suggested that any Agreement should be between the Archdiocese and the Benedictine Priory at Lamermore.



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13. **ST. PATRICK'S ASSISTANCE FUND**

The restructured fund is about to commence Mr. Exell noted. He also suggested that a morning tea might be held to thank the old Trustees and launch the new structure of the St. Patrick's Assistance Fund.

14. **INSURANCE ISSUES**

Mr. Exell noted that nothing further needs to be said on this.

15. **SEMINARY**

Mr. Exell reported on the Architect's brief on suggested adaptation of Cathedral College site for a seminary complex. He noted that other options and suggestions now need to be considered.

Archbishop Pell noted that he envisaged the Cathedral College site becoming a Centre for theological and pastoral formation for the Archdiocese.

There was some brief discussion on the suitability of a Rippon Lea property for a seminary building.

Bishop O'Connell then noted:

- 1) Possible sale of land at Campbellfield by Chaldeans.
- 2) Sales Tax exemption for parish priests. Bishop O'Connell gave name of two former Tax Commissioners to Mr. Exell regarding further inquiries on tax exemption for parish priests. Mr. Exell confirmed that there had been correspondence on this issue with the Tax Office.

Reddan College - Bishop O'Connell briefly discussed details of a College loan with Mr. Exell.

Archbishop Pell reported on a recent letter from a Croatian person. He has passed this on to Mr. Exell for inquiry.

SECTION B

16. **PAB**

Bishop Connors and Father Waters to organise PAB agenda for next PAB meeting.



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17. **JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS FOR 2000/1**
 Bishop Connors is to liaise with Victorian Council of Churches as agreed.
 Archbishop Pell suggested that there might need to be a priest appointed to develop a programme for the Jubilee 2000/1.
 As agreed Bishop Connors will attend the VCC meeting as a Catholic representative in the preparation of the Jubilee.
18. **SISTER JANE KELLY**
 - Celebration Dinner 13th November
 Archbishop Pell to attend.
- Archbishop Pell then discussed with Curia the possibility of taking turns in Chairing the meetings of the University Colleges in Melbourne.
- It was agreed that Archbishop Pell would Chair Newman College meetings.
 Bishop Deakin would Chair Mannix College meetings.
 Bishop Connors would Chair St. Mary's College meetings.
 Father Denis Stanley is to prepare a letter informing Colleges of this. He is also to obtain a copy of the Constitutions of these Colleges to ensure that this procedure can go ahead.
19. **SISTER M BRODERICK CSB**
 Bishop Connors noted that Sister Broderick is seeking employment in the Archdiocese.
- 19.1 Archbishop Pell discussed with Curia the need to adhere to liturgical norms of the universal church. He is to discuss this with individual priests of the Archdiocese. He also noted that he needs to be briefed on these particular clergy by the regional bishops. Fathers Carrucan and Foley were mentioned.
 The Archbishop will also approach this matter when he meets with the priests of the Archdiocese at the forthcoming regional meetings.
 In this context of liturgical norms the Third Rite of Reconciliation was mentioned.
 Archbishop Pell made a suggestion that this issue might be approached through the Senate of Priests.
 A suggestion might be made to the Senate about how the priests of the Archdiocese might make current practice conform with the norms laid down in the Code of Canon Law.



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For the benefit of Curia Father Ian Waters reviewed the history briefly of practice of the Third Rite citing the appropriate Canons. Archbishop Pell noted that he would like to attend to this matter in the future. Then followed a brief general discussion on liturgical practices in the Archdiocese.

20. **PRAHRAN PARISH**
 Archbishop Pell informed Curia that Monsignor Cudmore has been made Administrator of Prahran Parish. Father Waters reported on a forthcoming meeting at the parish to reflect on its future.
21. **FATHER W BAKER**
 Father Ian Waters reported on the present situation of Father Baker. It was noted that Father Baker's situation could need further investigation. Father Waters was asked by Curia to follow up Father Baker's situation with the religious sisters in the parish or with the school Principal. The Archbishop is to ask advice on this particular case.
22. **FATHER BONGIORNO**
 Archbishop Pell reported on Father Bongiorno's present situation.
23. **FATHER J. VAN SUYLEN**
 Father Waters is to follow up on the question of remuneration for Father Van Suylen. The Archbishop would like to know if Father Van Suylen has been paid either from PRF or from the parish since March.
24. **FATHER P. PRIESTLY**
 Bishop Connors reported on plans for Father Priestly's future. The Curia has no objection to paying HEC fees on an ex gratia basis. Archbishop Pell would like to arrange an appointment for Father Priestly.



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25. **FATHER M. KALKA - Re. Permission to Celebrate Byzantine Rite in Castlemaine Parish Churches.**
The present letter brought to Curia needs to be re-written. It was agreed that weekday celebrations of the Byzantine Rite with adequate notice given to parishioners would be suitable. Father Kalka is also to be encouraged to offer himself to supply for Bishop Stasiuk where possible.
26. **FATHER B. MAXWELL**
Father Waters reported on a need to excommunicate Father Maxwell from the Diocese. He inquired whether this should be followed through? The consensus of Curia is that it should be. Father Waters to attend to this.
- 26.1 General discussion on the question of introducing the process of laicisation. Father Waters is to brief the Archbishop on the Glennon case. A letter is to be sent on to Glennon with cover note stating that the Archbishop will start the process of laicisation.
27. **BORONIA PARISH**
Father Waters and Bishop Deakin reported on Father Rubeo's resignation. Father Michael Casey is Administrator of the parish pro tem.
28. **WARBURTON PARISH**
Father Waters reported to Curia on withdrawal of the Pallotine Fathers from Warburton from next year. This is to be noted as an item on PAB agenda.
29. **CENSORS**
Father Waters commented that there needs to be a new list of censors for the Archdiocese. The Archbishop commented that this was for the new Vicar General to decide upon.
30. **RAY WYRE WORKSHOPS**
Archbishop Pell flagged that he may attend part of this forthcoming Workshop.
It was noted that Bishop Connors may be available to open this Workshop.



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31. **CONFIRMATION BY PRIESTS**
 Father Waters presented a paper on this topic and it was noted that he will speak to this paper at the next Curia meeting on September 12th.
- 31.1 **South Clayton** - Father Waters reported on the arrangements for the forthcoming celebration of Confirmation at this parish.
32. **APPOINTMENTS**
 ITIM Function - 25th October 1996 - 5.00 pm. New Vicar General is to be invited to attend this.
- National Communities Mass - Sunday, 20th October 1996,
 at 3.00 pm. New Vicar General is to be invited to attend.
- Father Denis Stanley is to prepare letters inviting the Vicar General to these two celebrations.
33. **VIETNAMESE NUNS - BRAYBROOK**
 Archbishop Pell reported to the Curia on an initiative to bring a Vietnamese Congregation of Sisters to a convent in Braybrook parish. Archbishop Pell noted that an investigation needs to be made of the financial implications of this. Father Stanley is to ask Archbishop Little regarding some background to the Sisters.
- Next Curia meeting, Thursday, 12th September, 1996 at 2.00 pm.**