



MINUTES OF CURIA MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 1992

SECTION A

1. PROPERTY UPDATE - As per status report.

2. PARISH MATTERS:

Kilmore - Mr. Exell has advised the Archbishop by memo of the advice given to Father Rankin (6.2.92).

Mooroolbark - Eymard Hill Primary School.
Delicate negotiations still continuing to convince the Shire to buy the property.

Yarraville - The Greek community has recently expressed interest in leasing the school for around \$60,000 a year with a view to purchase after two years.

West Heidelberg - Mr. Exell has met with Father Hicks and briefed him on the property issues and money held in Trust.

North Sunshine - Despite commitments of funding from Government, the Charitable Fund and the Catholic Housing Guild for the proposed Hostel, local parishes seem reluctant to express their contribution financially.

3. TROY ESTATE

Mr. Exell advised Curia of an amount of \$30,000 left to the Roman Catholic Trusts' Corporation for the programme called "Street Kids" as administered by Brother Alex McDonald or Father Bob Maguire. Mr. Exell to advise the Archbishop further.



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4. CATHEDRAL APPEAL

Mr. Exell advised that considerable work was being done in the preparation of tenders and the formulation of contracts for work to take place on the Cathedral.

5. SOUTH MELBOURNE

Talks have been held with the Sacred Heart Mission St. Kilda West, for the former Brothers' residence to be converted to provide care for long-term psychiatric patients. The Government would fund the operation. Mr. Exell highlighted positive points (charitable works, perception of the Church's involvement) and the negative points (proposal not detailed enough, long-term commitment of Sacred Heart Mission arguable, half use only of the property).

The Australian Catholic University has also expressed interest in the whole site at terms and conditions yet to be discussed.

It was agreed that the ACU should have first priority, and a time limit of 4 - 6 weeks be allowed for an expression of interest from the ACU.

6. CATHOLIC PASTORAL FORMATION CENTRE -

Location:

Mr. Exell advised that Father Nicholson has agreed to move the operations of CPFC to 34 - 36 Brunswick Street. Father Nicholson wants to spend money to make the premises suitable.

The Archbishop questioned the annual budget of the CPFC and the extent to which the Diocese is subsidising individual participants.

Forward Planning Centre:

Father Nicholson has asked the Archbishop for an indication of the Diocese's future priorities regarding the provision of pastoral care and the administration of parishes. The Archbishop has stressed that a priest will always be responsible for the pastoral administration and the pastoral care of the parish.



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7. CROPP REPORT

The Archbishop indicated he had written to Father Dalton in terms of the draft provided by Mr. Exell and Father Fleming.

8. SOUTHERN CROSS HOMES AND SPRINGVALE NORTH PARISH

Mr. Exell advised that a preliminary paper has been prepared which may provide a way to possible agreement.

9. CFWB

Mr. Exell has received the final Incorporation documentation.

The Archbishop recently met with Mr. Bushell who expressed considerable concern that Dr. Marie Joyce (Premarriage Education) seems to be conducting a campaign to win a seat on the Board.

10. PREGNANCY ACTION CENTRE INC. APPEAL

Mr. Exell referred to the Appeal being presently conducted, and indicated that Mr. Bushell had expressed concerns that, although the workers at the Centre were highly motivated and dedicated, there were too few professional people.

The Archbishop said he would prefer that the Diocese not contribute directly to the Appeal.

11. MORAN HOUSE - St. Catherine's

It is anticipated St. Catherine's will be available by the end of May. The Sisters of Charity have expressed a desire to take a six month lease on Moran House, with a possibility of a subsequent, more permanent arrangement.



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Father John O'Reilly.

At the suggestion of the Archbishop (Curia 6.2.92) Father John O'Reilly attended the meeting. He distributed a copy of the manual provided to the Parish Co-ordinators of the Cathedral Appeal. It was suggested that the Archbishop, Auxiliary Bishops, Vicar General and Dean of the Cathedral concelebrate a Mass at the Cathedral for the 230 Co-ordinators and their families who would remain for a cup of tea in the Diocesan Centre afterwards. It was agreed that the Mass be held on Wednesday, 25th March next at 8.00 p.m. The Archbishop thanked Father O'Reilly for the suggestion and for the work he has done to date for the Appeal.

SECTION B

1. FATHER M. AHERN

Monsignor Deakin will go to Woodend on Friday 21st February, 1992, to see Father Ahern. He intends inviting Michael Hilbert, School Principal to accompany him. The Archbishop proposed that Father Ahern be invited to provide a certificate from a doctor indicating he was fit for work.

2. FATHER P. SEARSON & SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The Archbishop is to receive a delegation from State Council of the Society of St. Vincent regarding the situation at Doveton where it appears Father Searson has acted in a way contrary to the spirit and Rules of the Society.

3. ALTONA PARISH

Father Clem Cafarella has indicated he wishes to attend St Peter Centre Course, Canberra for the second time. The Archbishop said he was uneasy that Father Brendan Reed, a priest in his first appointment, would be left alone to provide pastoral care for the parish. Archbishop Little to phone Father Reed.



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4. ADULT FAITH EDUCATION MINISTRY IN WESTERN SUBURBS

The Archbishop referred to a recent meeting with the team and the question of future funding was discussed. It was agreed that Bishop Connors will meet with the team and that the principle of payment for the service be reiterated as the most preferred option.

Bishop Pell expressed a number of reservations concerning the team's orthodoxy and adherence to Catholic doctrine.

5. DIOCESAN YOUTH COMMISSION Policy Statement

The Archbishop has met again with Father Ruys and further modifications will be made to the Policy Statement. Reports of the regional meeting about to be held will be discussed at the next Curia meeting.

6. VISIT OF THE DALAI LAMA

The Archbishop has received a letter from Mr. Hal Young requesting the Archbishop hold a multi-faith service in the Cathedral for the Dalai Lama.

The Archbishop will raise the matter at the next Heads of Churches Meeting.

7. VENERATION OF THE CROSS AND HEALTH

The Archbishop has received a letter from a Mr. Richard McArthur, Geelong, indicating his belief that the traditional way of venerating the Cross with a kiss represented possibility for the transmission of the Hepatitis and HIV viruses. Further professional medical advice will be sought.

8. DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY - PRIESTS' ASSEMBLY

Following the most recent meeting of the Senate of Priests is has been proposed that the Priests' Assembly be held in the Archdiocese. The Senate suggested Fathers Cosgriff, Wood and Dalton make a proposal to the Senate. Discussion followed on what such an Assembly hoped to achieve, and the risks of the Assembly being "hijacked."



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9. EMBRYO EXPERIMENTATION

The Archbishop brought to Curia's attention a report in the Age (20.2.92, page 3) indicating the likelihood of approval being given for more liberal guidelines for experimentation on ova.

10. CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

The Archbishop sought clarification regarding the appointment of Father M. Miles to Clayton. It was agreed that, provided Bishop O'Connell had not mentioned it to him, the appointment would be held over until the next PAB meeting. The Vicar General agreed to speak with Bishop O'Connell.

11. CLUSTERING OF PARISHES - Black Rock

Bishop Pell has sent a full report to the Archbishop following his contact with the Black Rock community and Father White.

Bishop Pell proposed that before any similar decision is made regarding other parishes in the future the proposal should be made known to the parishioners before hand.

12. DEANERY CO-ORDINATOR - Glen Waverley

Monsignor Cudmore advised that following discussions with Father Foynes the following names would be suitable replacements for Father Foynes as Deanery Co-ordinator: Father P. Maye, Father J. Flynn, SAC, Father K. Sweeney.

Next meeting. Thursday, 5th March, 1992, at 2.00 p.m.