



MINUTES OF CURIA MEETING
THURSDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1994

SECTION A

1. **PROPERTY UPDATE** As per status report.

2. **PARISH MATTERS**
 - Aspendale** A group in the parish are using a private house for parish retreats with the encouragement of Father Gill. Caution advised regarding liability.

 - North Melbourne** Roof of the Church requiring urgent repairs. Seems little option at this stage but to repair.

 - Airport West School** The Archbishop expressed concern regarding the question of alienating church property for recurrent costs of the school.

 - New Gisborne School** Mr. Exell to prepare advice for the Archbishop.

3. **CATHEDRAL RESTORATION**
Contracts for Stage 2 have been signed, and work on the windows commenced.
The Appeal continues on target and the parishes' Committee is working well.

4. **INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY**
Budget has been approved; the Religious Art Project is under way.

5. **TOMORROW'S CHURCH REPORT**
Mr. Exell has prepared a paper for the Archbishop on the financial implications of the Report.



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6. **SPECIAL ISSUES - Asset Protection**
 Due to discovery the number of written comments to be kept to a minimum. Whether Church assets are subject to Trusts is still being discussed.

 Bishop Connors indicated that Special Issues insurance will likely finish at the end of June.
7. **CHARITABLE FUND DONATIONS**
 Donations recently made to St. Joseph's Home for Children and to the St Vincent de Paul Society to be ratified by the Fund's sub-committee.
8. **AGED CARE**
Fernhill: a fear expressed in correspondence that the control is being lost to the Church, with consequences for our idea of dying with dignity, etc. Mr. Exell to investigate further the title to the property and the parish's rights. It never was parish land.

Sunshine: the Mercy Sisters are transferring beds back; we are looking to Catholic Homes for the Elderly.

Geelong: this could become the model Catholic aged care hostel; the Mercy Sisters are interested.
9. **TRINITY REGIONAL COLLEGE**
 Fine work by Peter Hansen has shown original Agreement to retain always the percentages fixed at the beginning.
10. **EDUCATIONAL PROVISION, WERRIBEE AREA**
 Mr. Exell advised that we will go ahead to buy land even though the Parish Priests of the area are at loggerheads over parish boundaries.
11. **DIOCESAN CENTRE RENOVATIONS**
 These and other work in Albert Street properties nearing completion and satisfactorily done.



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12. **INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE ENQUIRY**
Issues paper not yet published so this matter is presently on hold. Individual dioceses entitled to make a submission but the real input will come from the Bishops's Conference.
13. **GALILEE/BAYSIDE SCHOOLS**
A tribute to those involved that the children were able to start on time in the new school.
14. **RAMSAY WILLIAMS**
He did not turn up for work at Catholic Communications.
15. **BENEDICTINE SISTERS - CROYDON**
Mr. Exell still working on the property issue. Father Waters to be consulted about the period of exclaustation for the nuns.
16. **COLUMBANS' LAND FOR RETIRED PRIESTS**
As the Columbans no longer wish to lease the land they are to advise on a price for its sale. There will be room for 10 priests only.
17. **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES COMMISSION**
Drafting of submission to the public hearing now completed; the text will be brought to the Archbishop from Mr. Neville of the ACBC Secretariat.
18. **TIMORESE/PORTUGUESE COMMUNITIES**
They spoke to the Archbishop (and Bishop Deakin) but have not come back.
19. **FATHER P. HOWARD**
Last year we did allow him to use lecturing money from Monash; we must be careful of the issue of precedent (cf.refusal to Father Tony Ireland). Could the help be to the seminary staff for computers?

SECTION B

1. **RELIGIOUS PASTORAL ASSOCIATES**
Resignations noted. Situation at Heidelberg: Should the Parish Priest remain in Office? His intention to remain was noted and supported.



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2. **MR. K. MORLEY'S CONFERENCE**
Archbishop not keen to be involved; will reply - you are a private organisation, it is up to you what you do.
3. **PROFESSOR BRIGGS**
Bishop Connors agrees with her statements and Bishop O'Connell's reply is awaited. The seriousness of the problem was acknowledged.
4. **MR. ADRIAN PERVAN**
It was decided not to proceed with his application for admission to the Seminary.
5. **PRIESTS ON LEAVE**
Paper by Father I. Waters tabled. VG to investigate who are these priests of the Archdiocese, and then we will look again at the document.
6. **FATHER GREG BOURKE**
On diocesan payroll until June, how did that happen? Still, we must do the right thing by him, and by all other priests seeking study leave.
7. **MULGRAVE AND FATHER M. WHEELER**
His views and their timing.
8. **WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**
Annually set for 11 February (wrong time of the year for us). Write to Father Mogg asking what should we do about it.
9. **COMMITTEE FOR LAITY**
Melbourne Contact ?. Matter deferred.
10. **EV FOR COMMUNICATIONS**
Father Chamberlin's resignation noted. The question of a possible successor was deferred.
11. **EV FOR SOCIAL WELFARE**
Should the title be changed to Social Services. No interest indicated.
12. **ACU GRADUATION - BALLARAT**
Archbishop unavailable, and will reply suitably. Upto Ballarat to request substitute.



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13. **VOCATIONS DIRECTOR**
Bishop Connors tabled report on his meeting with the Director. No enthusiasm for visit by Bob Shea.
14. **SPECIAL COLLECTION DAY**
Father Waters' paper tabled in reference to the St. Vincent de Paul Society request. Archbishop to take this paper and this issue to Senate of Priests.
15. **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE, WEST HEIDELBERG**
Resignation and its implications discussed.
16. **BISHOP OF GOROKA**
Bishop Deakin noted his presence in Melbourne and the contact he has with him.

Next meeting of Curia, Thursday, 17th February, 1994
at 2.00 p.m.