

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD
HELD IN THE BOARDROOM ON WEDNESDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1993 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Most Rev. T.F. Little, D.D.
 Most Rev. J. O'Connell, D.D.
 Most Rev. P. Connors, D.D.
 Most Rev. G. Pell, D.D.
 Most Rev. H. Deakin, D.D.
 Rev. Monsignor J. Murray, P.P.
 Rev. Monsignor G. Cudmore, V.G.
 Rev. J. McMahon, P.P.
 Rev. P. Dalton, P.P.
 Rev. J. Mullally, P.P.
 Rev. B. Cosgriff
 Rev. M. Ashe

Minutes of the meeting held 5th May were passed.

1. IVANHOE

It was moved Bishop Connors, seconded Mons. J. Murray that Fr. M. Cooney be appointed Parish Priest of Ivanhoe, with effect 1 July, 1993.

2. BULLEEN

It was moved Fr. J. Mullally, seconded Fr. B. Cosgriff that Fr. B. Donohue be appointed Parish Priest of Bulleen, with effect 18 June, 1993.

3. MACLEOD

It was moved Fr. B. Cosgriff, seconded Monsignor J. Murray that Fr. P. Robinson be appointed Parish Priest of MacLeod with immediate effect.

4. FR. G. SPILLANE

The P.A.B. recommended that study leave be granted to Fr. Spillane from 24th August, 1993 to the 31st August, 1994. Bishop Deakin is to approach Fr. P. Waters regarding his appointment as Administrator of the parish of Bell Park.

5. WOODEND

Bishop O'Connell reported on present developments in the parish. He also reported that Fr. Ahern was in good health.

6. FR. L. COSHAN

Consideration is to be given to the appointment of Fr. Coshan as an Assistant Priest.

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7. **FR. T. GOMES**

A letter has been prepared outlining the requirements to be observed by a priest for entry into Australia and ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and will be sent to Fr. Gomes.

8. **FR. J. CADDY**

The Archbishop reported that Fr. J. Caddy had been selected for study overseas in social science at the Gregorian University. Because of the requirement to commence study in Italian, it will be necessary for him to leave in early July, 1993.

9. **FR. A. CALLINAN**

The Archbishop reported on Fr. Callinan's medical condition. Fr. B. Cosgriff to make further contact.

10. **FR. G. FITZGERALD**

Further complaints have been received from parishioners and the parents of children at the school concerning some decisions taken by Fr. Fitzgerald. The Vicar General is to have discussions with F. Fitzgerald.

11. **FR. N. MCKIE**

Further action taken by a family in the Kensington parish has caused concern to Fr. McKie. Bishop Connors is to monitor the situation. It was noted that Fr. McKie's 25th anniversary would be celebrated at Kensington on the 13th June, 1993.

12. **FR. JOHN GIRDAUSKAS, S.M.**

The board was informed that Fr. John Girdauskas, S.M. had been presented by the Marist Provincial Council for appointment as Parish Priest of West Sunshine vice Fr. Paul Cooney, for a period of 3 years, beginning 1994.

13. **FR. P. WILSON**

The board recommended that Fr. P. Wilson be appointed Assistant Priest to Gardenvale with effect 18th June, 1993.

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14. **FR. MARCELLINUS UWANDU**

The Vicar General reported that following reception of a letter from the Bishop of Okigwe, Nigeria, and the provision for his accommodation at the parish of Wattle Park, a visa for entry into Australia had been granted to Fr. Marcellinus Uwandu, who has been accepted by Y.T.U. as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Religious Education.

15. **FR. F. LARSEN**

Bishop O'Connell reported that Fr. Larsen was improving in health and that accommodation had been offered to him by Fr. Sam Dimattina at Ascot Vale.

16. **PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TASK GROUP.**

Bishop O'Connell reported that all the preliminary meetings had been completed and a report of the consultations was being prepared.

17. **6-YEAR APPOINTMENTS**

The Archbishop advised the board that he had written to all priests completing their 6-year appointments, including a questionnaire for them to prepare, and asking them to arrange an appointment for consultation concerning a future appointment.

18. **ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL**

The Archbishop reported that he had written to Fr. M. Sierakowski concerning the position of Chaplaincy Co-ordinator. The meeting was informed that Fr. Sierakowski had not been appointed to the position.

19. **CHAPLAINCY TO DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED**

The board discussed the matters raised by Fr. Greg Bourke concerning the appointment of a chaplain to the Catholic Deaf Community, following the expected completion of his time as chaplain at the end of 1993. The Archbishop raised the question of the need to consider whether the Diocese could support a full-time chaplain to this position, and the anticipated commitment to provide chaplaincy cover to the Alfred Hospital at the end of 1994. It was decided to approach Fr. Julian Langridge and discuss these implications.

20. **DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSION**

The Vicar General presented to the board a submission from Fr. J. Doolan concerning the need for training of suitable clergy to provide leadership in liturgical development in the Archdiocese.

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21. HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, VICTORIA

The Archbishop informed the board that Fr. M. Mulcahy had indicated his willingness to remain in this position.

22. AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC RELIEF

The Archbishop announced that following consultation with the Episcopal Vicar for Development & Peace, Fr. Sean O'Connell had been appointed Director of A.C.R.

23. HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY - ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL

Following representation from Fr. G. Fitzpatrick, the board agreed to his submission to live in accommodation provided at the hospital ad experimentum for a trial period of 6 months. A letter was also received from Sr. Anne Conway, R.S.C., Head of Pastoral Care Services at St. Vincent's Hospital, asking if it would be possible to involve retired priests in the work of supply for chaplains on a part-time basis at St. Vincent's and other major city hospitals. The Vicar General is to enquire further.

24. FR. R.D. PICKERING

The board was informed of a letter published by Fr. Pickering in the Gardenvale parish newsletter, containing criticism and comment about the Archbishop that was not acceptable. The board agreed with a suggestion made by Bishop Pell that the Vicar General should write to Fr. Pickering seeking an apology.

25. CARMELITE PRIESTS

Bishop Connors reported on discussions held with the Carmelite Fathers and the Parish Priests of West St. Kilda and South Melbourne, concerning future developments in the bayside area. It was reported that discussions concerning school rationalization in the area were continuing.

26. FR. M. ASHE

The board was informed that Fr. M. Ashe had been selected for study at Loyola University, Chicago for a Masters in Pastoral Studies for a period of 1½ years. His expected time of departure is Monday, 23rd August, 1993. The matter of Vocations Co-ordinator would be the responsibility of Fr. A. Feeney for that period. Fr. Ashe also raised the question of the appointment of a younger priest in lieu of himself to membership of the P.A.B.

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27. **FR. A. GRENVILLE**

The board recommended the application of Fr. Grenville for work in a parish in New York for a period of 3 months. Fr. G. Goss, CSsR is to supply.

28. **FR. C. RODRIGUES**

The board recommended the appointment of Fr. C. Rodrigues to the parish of Mt. Waverley. The Vicar General is to consult with Fr. K. Sweeney, concerning timings and accommodation.

29. **WANTIRNA**

The board recommended the appointment of Fr. M. Miles as Administrator of Wantirna parish, with effect 1 July 1993.

30. **FERNTREE GULLY**

Following the departure of Fr. J. Petrulis for studies in spirituality, the Vicar General reported that Fr. Eugene Fernandes, CSsR of the Redemptorist community, Box Hill had enquired as to the possibility of regular pastoral work during the week, as well as weekends in any parish of the Archdiocese. The board recommended that an approach be made to Fr. Fernandes concerning assistance in the parish of Ferntree Gully, during the absence of Fr. Petrulis.

31. **MAIDSTONE**

Following the appointment of Fr. J. Caddy to overseas study, the expected arrival of Fr. Wojtek Chuchala from Konin, Poland would provide suitable replacement in the parish of Maidstone.

32. **CASTLEMAINE**

Bishop O'Connell reported that following the thanksgiving renewal and associated activity in the parish, it is suggested that further discussion is required concerning the possible change of the parish to the Diocese of Sandhurst.

33. **FR. W. DANIEL, S.J.**

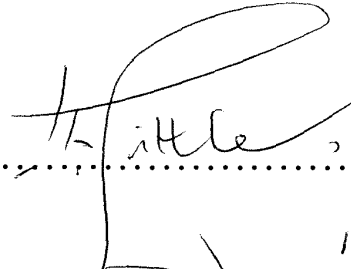
The Vicar General reported that Fr. Daniel had advised that because of a full load of lecturing and indifferent health, he was not available for the time being to manage a Sunday supply.

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34. FR. A. YOGARAJAH

Fr. B. Cosgriff reported that Fr. Yogarajah was still awaiting advice from the Sri Lankan government regarding his residency in Australia. He was very happy at Thornbury. It was noted that Fr. C. Prowse was expected to depart for overseas study in October, 1993.

The next meeting of the P.A.B. will be held on ^{11 August} Wednesday, ~~7 July~~, 1993
at 2.00 p.m.


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