

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S PERSONNEL
ADVISORY BOARD HELD IN THE BOARDROOM ON
FRIDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1994, AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Most Rev. T. F. Little, D.D.,
Most Rev. J. P. O'Connell, D.D.,
Most Rev. P. J. Connors, D.D.,
Most Rev. H. F. Deakin, D.D.,
Rev. Monsignor J. Murray, E.V., P.P.,
Rev. P. Dalton, P.P.,
Rev. J. Mullally, P.P.,
Rev. B. Cosgriff, Ministry to Priests,
Rev. P. Rogers.

APOLOGIES: Most Rev. G. Pell, D.D.,
Rev. Monsignor G. A. Cudmore, V.G.,
Rev. J. McMahon, P.P.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

On the motion of Father John Mullally, seconded Bishop Deakin, the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 5th January, 1994, were confirmed, after they had been read to the members of the Board.

2. PARISH OF GLEN IRIS

On the motion of Bishop Connors, seconded Bishop O'Connell, it was agreed that Father Ian Waters should be appointed Parish Priest of Glen Iris. The appointment is to come into effect on 15th February, 1994.

It was noted that the pastoral needs of the parish of Ascot Vale will require constant review.

3. FATHER W. BAKER

A group of parishioners in the parish of North Richmond has written to express concern at the behaviour of Father W. Baker at a recent meeting of the Parents' Association of St. James' Parish Primary School, North Richmond. Archbishop Little and Bishop Connors will discuss the situation.

4. FATHER G. REYNOLDS

Father Brian Cosgriff has met with Father Reynolds while Father Reynolds was acting as a full-time supply for Father John Dupuche, the Parish Priest of East Doncaster. Father Reynolds is convinced that he is no longer called to parish ministry. He intends to take up residence in a hermitage in the vicinity of Broome, Western Australia.

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5. PARISH OF NOBLE PARK

Father Terry Kean, the Parish Priest of Noble Park, has written to the Archbishop seeking approval for study leave from 10th April until late July, 1994. Father Kean is now making arrangements for a weekend supply.

Father Cosgriff will speak with Father Brian Collins, the newly-appointed Assistant Priest in the parish of Noble Park, to ensure that Father Collins is satisfied with the arrangements which are being made for the administration of the parish during the absence of Father Kean.

6. PARISH OF MULGRAVE

Archbishop Little gave a resume of events which took place after the parishioners of Mulgrave had been informed that the Resurrectionist Fathers would assume responsibility for the pastoral care of the parish.

Archbishop Little in the company of Monsignor Cudmore attended a meeting of parishioners, held at the Parish Centre on 11th January, 1994. The Parish Pastoral Council has now decided to take no further action, but other parishioners have written to Archbishop Little expressing their disquiet at the procedures which led to the appointment of the Resurrectionist Fathers.

The new Parish Priest has been given a very warm welcome by the parishioners and arrangements are being made for Archbishop Little to visit the parish for the Installation of the Parish Priest.

7. FATHER G. FITZGERALD, P.P.

The appointment of Father G. Fitzgerald as Parish Priest of the parish of South Caulfield for a term of six years is about to expire. It was agreed that no decision should be made concerning the re-appointment of Father Fitzgerald until the return of Bishop Pell.

8. FATHER BRIAN BAINBRIDGE

As is his custom, Father Brian Bainbridge has forwarded a written report of his activities during 1993 to Archbishop Little.

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9. FATHER GERALD QUINTUS BLOM

Father Gerald Quintus Blom several years ago wrote to Archbishop Little seeking approval for pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Bishop of the Diocese in Sri Lanka, where Father Blom presently resides, has given the necessary approvals and assurances for Father Blom to come to Australia. Moreover, Father Blom has received a recommendation for pastoral ministry from Father Joe De Mel.

On the motion of Bishop Deakin, seconded Monsignor Murray, it was agreed that Father Blom should be accepted for pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne on the usual terms and conditions.

10. FATHER B. WHELAN, P.P.

On the motion of Father Cosgriff, seconded Monsignor Murray, it was agreed that Father B. Whelan be re-appointed for a term of six years as parish priest of Heidelberg.

11. FATHER J. AHERN

Archbishop Little read to the members of the Board a Report of a telephone conversation between himself and Father Ahern on 28th January, 1994. It now seems that Father Ahern has taken up residence at the Catholic Presbytery in the parish of Wheelers Hill. It was also decided that a decision concerning the request of Father Ahern for on-going contact with the Diocesan Curia should be postponed until the return of Monsignor Cudmore.

12. I.T.I.M.

Father W. Smith, S.J., has now written to Archbishop Little concerning the procedures for the appointment of his successor to the Board of Management of the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission. The matter is now to be referred to Father Kevin Mogg in his capacity as Episcopal Vicar for Social Welfare.

13. FATHER G. O'NEILL, P.P.

Copies of a letter written by Father Grant O'Neill, the Parish Priest of Hampton Park, to the members of the Personnel Advisory Board were tabled for consideration by members of the Board.

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Discussion took place concerning the procedures which should be adopted for the preparation of profiles of parishes when they become vacant. Attention should also be given to appropriate procedures for consultation with parishioners in the preparation of profiles and for obtaining information to assist the members of the Personnel Advisory Board in their deliberations. However, it was noted that such procedures are made difficult when there is no recognisable leadership group in the parish to assist in the preparation of the profile.

In the absence of Monsignor Cudmore, Bishop Connors will reply to Father Grant O'Neill on behalf of the members of the Personnel Advisory Board.

14. FATHER F. O'LOUGHLIN

It was noted that Father F. O'Loughlin has decided to take up residence in the presbytery in the parish of North Glen Waverley upon the arrival of the Resurrectionist Fathers in the parish of Mulgrave. It seems that attention must now be given to the details of his appointment in the Archdiocese. Father Cosgriff will arrange for Father J. McMahon to discuss the situation with Father O'Loughlin and report back to the Archbishop.

15. FATHER D. SALVADOR

An impression had been given that Father D. Salvador was not pleased with the assistance offered to him when he was making his decision to resign his appointment as Assistant Priest in the parish of Heidelberg. However, it now seems that such an impression was without foundation.

16. FATHER P. WILSON

On the motion of Bishop Deakin, seconded Father Cosgriff, it was agreed that the present situation of Father Peter Wilson is that Father Wilson has now taken ministerial leave from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

17. Attention was drawn to the two proposals tabled by Father Paul Rogers concerning the process of appointment for Assistant Priests.

It was agreed that this matter should be given high priority on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting of the Personnel Advisory Board, which is to be held on 23rd February, 1994.