

MINUTES

Meeting of the Curia to be held 8th floor, James Goold House
228 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne on Tuesday,
18th October, 2006 at 12.30pm

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Present :** Archbishop Hart, Bishops O'Connell, Deakin and Prowse
3. **Apologies :** Monsignor Tomlinson
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting – 4th October, 2006**
 Moved Bishop Deakin, seconded Bishop O'Connell CARRIED
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Collingwood Parish**
 - 10th January 2007 – Retirement of Fr E Smith
 - Negotiations re parish's future underway
 - 5.2 **Mannix College**
 - "Catholics on Campus" have received \$3,000 grant.
 - Bishop Deakin spoke of internal issues at Mannix College.
6. **Priests:**
 - 6.1 **Father Paul Newton**
 - Archbishop reports on Fr Newton's move to Geelong.
 - 6.2 **Rev Ernie Smith**
 - Health issues, hence resigned (10 Jan 2007)
 - Archbishop comments on Fr Smith's pastoral work after resignation (re: Good Shepherd, Abbotsford)
 - 6.3 **Paul Pavlou**
 - Is finding Healesville lonely.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - Fr M Ashe monitoring the situation.
 - 6.4 **Father Brian McDermott**
 - No further information.
 - 6.5 **Father Terry Wade**
 - Hopefully the situation will work out in time.
 - 6.6 **Deacon Jim Curtain (50 years old)**
 - Deacon with the Military, would liked to work in the Archdiocese.
 - Teaching, Agency work in the Archdiocese?
 - Generally positive response by Curia, subject to suitable "employment".
7. **Parishes**
 - 7.1 **West St Kilda/Elwood amalgamated 12.10.2006**
 Approved on 12th October 2006

7.2 Boronia

- Father Rod Pitts? - Better staying at Forest Hill.
- Wait and see.

7.3 Montmorency

- Wait and see.

8. Archbishop's comments**8.1 Permanent Diaconate**

- Father McEntee's proposal re education of Archdiocese re permanent diaconate.

8.2 Right to Life

- Letter from M Tighe (6 Oct) – re Decriminalization of Abortion re Labor Party.
- Approaches discussed.
- When legislation is in prospect, then an appropriate response would be forthcoming.

8.3 Deanery Review

- Fr Bennet has been researching present activity of Deaneries.
- Another model?
- 17 out of 25 Deaneries seem to function at some levels.
- Creative thinking (not simply solutions) required.

9. Discussion of Report of Strategic Working Group (Please bring copy)

Some points arising.

- A vision statement.
- Am excellent paper.
- Next steps? "People – involvement" needed.
- Gradual 'rolling out' of the Paper via normal channels (eg Senate Groups, etc.)

10. General Business**11. Matters brought forward by the Business Manager (1:40pm)**

- 11.1 Bishop Deakin spoke re salaries.
- 11.2 Archbishop mentioned Fr B Reed and the C.E.O.
- 11.3 Bishop Deakin has made contact with Sant Egidio Community (Fr John Turner)
- 11.4 Archbishop discussed seminary staff situation.
- 11.5 World Youth Day Update (Bishop Prowse)

12. Next Meeting

1st November 2006 at 12.30 - Apology Bishop Deakin.