

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE D53/89

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ST PAUL'S NATIONAL SEMINARY,
KENSINGTON, N.S.W. FROM MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 1989

ATTENDANCE: The following were present:

His Eminence Cardinal E. Clancy, Archbishop of Sydney, President
 Most Rev. F. Rush, Archbishop of Brisbane
 Most Rev. F. Carroll, Archbishop of Canberra - Goulburn
 Most Rev. L. Faulkner, Archbishop of Adelaide
 Most Rev. T. Little, Archbishop of Melbourne
 Most Rev. E. D'Arcy, Archbishop of Hobart
 Most Rev. W. Foley, Archbishop of Perth
 Most Rev. I. Khalife, Archbishop-Bishop of St Maroun of Sydney
 Most Rev. J. Jobst, Bishop of Broome
 Most Rev. D. Warren, Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes
 Most Rev. R. Mulkearns, Bishop of Ballarat
 Most Rev. E. Kelly, Bishop of Toowoomba
 Most Rev. J. Satterthwaite, Bishop of Lismore
 Most Rev. P. Quinn, Bishop of Bunbury
 Most Rev. E. Perkins, Auxiliary, Melbourne
 Most Rev. D. Cremin, Auxiliary, Sydney
 Most Rev. B. Wallace, Bishop of Rockhampton
 Most Rev. W. Murray, Bishop of Wollongong
 Most Rev. J. Gerry, Auxiliary, Brisbane
 Most Rev. R. Healy, Auxiliary, Perth
 Most Rev. J. O'Connell, Auxiliary, Melbourne
 Most Rev. L. Clarke, Bishop of Maitland
 Most Rev. P. Dougherty, Bishop of Bathurst
 Most Rev. P. Murphy, Bishop of Broken Bay
 Most Rev. N. Daly, Bishop of Sandhurst
 Most Rev. B. Heather, Bishop of Parramatta
 Most Rev. F. De Campo, Bishop of Port Pirie
 Most Rev. E. Cuskelly, Auxiliary, Brisbane
 Most Rev. W. Brennan, Bishop of Wagga Wagga
 Most Rev. G. Robinson, Auxiliary, Sydney
 Most Rev. R. Benjamin, Bishop of Townsville
 Most Rev. B. Hickey, Bishop of Geraldton
 Most Rev. G. Mayne, Military Ordinary, Australia
 Most Rev. J. Bathersby, Bishop of Cairns
 Most Rev. P. Power, Auxiliary, Canberra-Goulburn
 Most Rev. E. Collins, Bishop of Darwin
 Most Rev. P. Connors, Auxiliary, Melbourne
 Most Rev. J. Coffey, Bishop of Sale

OBSERVERS:

Very Rev. G. Reynolds, SM and Sister Helen Lombard, SGS, behalf of the on
 Australian Conference of Major Superiors.

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from:

Bishop Prasko, (his proxy was Bishop Clarke)
 Bishop Kennedy, (his proxy was Bishop Daly)
 Bishop Heaps, (his proxy was Bishop Mayne)
 Bishop Riashi,
 Bishop Pell,
 Bishop O'Connell, for part of the meeting (his proxy was
 Archbishop Little)
 Bishop Warren, for part of the meeting Bishop Hickey,
 for part of the meeting

MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This Mass was concelebrated in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart Monastery, Kensington at 7 a.m. on Tuesday 28 November 1989. His Eminence, Cardinal Clancy, President of Conference, was the principal celebrant.

OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting began after recitation of "Prayer During The Day" at 9.15 a.m. on Tuesday 28 November 1989.

The President, Cardinal Clancy, welcomed at the Opening Session, and during the course of the meeting the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, Archbishop F. Brambilla, the Observers, and the Social Communications Executive Officer, Miss M. Newport.

MESSAGE TO THE HOLY FATHER

The Conference sent this cable to His Eminence Cardinal Casaroli, Secretary of State:

"BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA, ASSEMBLED IN CONFERENCE, SEND GREETINGS TO YOUR HOLINESS. WE PLEDGE LOYALTY AND THE SUPPORT OF OUR PRAYERS.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR INITIATIVES TO BRING ABOUT WORLD PEACE AND YOUR EFFORTS TO UNITE ALL CHRISTIANS."

The Secretary of State replied:

"THE HOLY FATHER IS GRATEFUL FOR THE MESSAGE OF FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY AND ECCLESIAL COMMUNION WHICH YOU SENT HIM IN THE NAME OF THE BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA ASSEMBLED IN CONFERENCE. HE PRAYS THAT THIS MEETING WILL BEAR RICH FRUIT FOR THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN YOUR COUNTRY AND TO THIS END HE COMMENDS YOUR LABOURS TO THE INTERCESSION OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS. AS A PLEDGE OF DIVINE ASSISTANCE HE WILLINGLY IMPARTS HIS APOSTOLIC BLESSING."

VISIT OF THE APOSTOLIC PRO-NUNCIO

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Franco Brambilla in the course of the Plenary Meeting spoke to the Bishops about the Peter's Pence Collection, the Holy Father's Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace 1990, liturgical aberrations, feminist theology, and misleading items in parish bulletins.

7 MESSAGE TO RETIRED BISHOPS

The Bishops decided to send greetings to these bishops.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the April/May 1989 Meeting had been distributed to all members of the Conference. At the inaugural session the following motion was submitted.

MOTION: _____ That the Minutes of the Meeting of the
April/May 1989 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
be taken as read and be confirmed.

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SPECIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

Bishop Mulkearns presented this Report.

66 "PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH ALLEGATIONS OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR"

In keeping with its Terms of Reference the Committee distributed "Protocol for dealing with allegations of Criminal Behaviour" . The Committee proposes to move at the May 1990 Plenary Meeting for the acceptance in principle of the strategy outlined in the protocol, so that it would be accepted on a trial basis for a period of twelve months. It could then be revised in the light of experience and of any observations on it which may be made in writing to the Committee.

OTHER MATTERS

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REDACTED
Relevance



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The following pages have been
intentionally excluded:

**1541-1557 inclusive, 1559-1561
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