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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 1990

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ST PAUL'S NATIONAL SEMINARY, KENSINGTON, N.S.W. FROM MONDAY 3 DECEMBER TO FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER 1990

AI TENDANCE: 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 and 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 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 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 J. Heaps, Auxiliary, Sydney
 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 and Goulburn
 Most Rev E. Collins, Bishop of Darwin
 Most Rev G. Riashi, Eparcn of St Michael's of Sydney
 Most Rev P. Connors, Auxiliary, Melbourne
 Most Rev G. Pell, Auxiliary, Melbourne
 Most Rev J. Coffey, Bishop of Sale

OBSERVERS:

Delegates from the Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes:

Brother Alexis Turton FMS; and
 Sister Angela Ryan CSB.

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from:

Bishop Kennedy,(his proxy was
Bishop Khalife, (his proxy was Archbfsshop Rush),
Most Rev I. Prasko.

MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This Mass was concelebrated in the Chapel of St Paul's National Seminary at 7 am on Tuesday 4 December 1990. His Eminence, Cardinal Clancy, President of Conference, was the principal celebrant.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting began after recitation of "Prayer During The Day" at 9.15 am on Tuesday 4 December 1990.

The President, Cardinal Clancy, welcomed in this session the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, Archbishop F. Brambilla, the Observers, and the Press Officer, Miss M. Newport.

MESSAGE TO THE HOLY FATHER

The Conference sent this Message to His Holiness, John Paul II:

"AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS, MEETING IN PLENARY SESSION IN SYDNEY, RENEW THEIR PLEDGE OF FRATERNAL LOVE FOR, AND LOYALTY TO, THE HOLY FATHER.

THEY CONVEY WARM GRATITUDE FOR HIS CONTINUED COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP BUILDING UP AND STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH.

WITH HEARTFELT JOY THE BISHOPS FOLLOWED THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE RECENT SYNOD; SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE HOLY FATHER'S CARE AND CONCERN FOR HIS BROTHERS IN THE PRIESTHOOD AND PROMISE TO RESPOND TO HIS URGENT CALL FOR PROMOTING VOCATIONS IN THE CHURCH.

HUMBLY BEGGING HIS APOSTOLIC BLESSING"

The Most Rev Archbishop Sodano, the Pro-Secretary of State replied:

"THE HOLY FATHER WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE KIND MESSAGE OF GREETINGS AND ECCLESIAL COMMUNION SENT TO HIM ON BEHALF OF THE AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS' CONFERENCE AND HE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR DEVOTED SENTIMENTS. HE PRAYS THAT YOUR DELIBERATIONS WILL BEAR ABUNDANT FRUIT SO THAT ALL THOSE IN YOUR PASTORAL CARE WILL BE INSPIRED TO FOLLOW CHRIST EVER MORE CLOSELY ACCORDING TO THE VALUES OF THE GOSPEL. COMMENDING YOU TO THE LOVING INTERCESSION OF MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH HIS HOLINESS WILLINGLY IMPARTS HIS APOSTOLIC BLESSING".

MESSAGE TO SICK AND RETIRED BISHOPS

The Bishops voted to send greeting to these bishops and recorded that Cardinal Freeman, Archbishop Goody, and Bishop Fox were celebrating Diamond Jubilees of Priesthood in 1990.

7 VISIT OF THE APOSTOLIC PRO-NUNCIO

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Franco Brambilla addressed the Bishops during the Opening Session of the Meeting.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the May 1990 Meeting had been distributed to all members of the Conference. In the inaugural session the following motion was submitted.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the May 1990 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Meeting be taken as read and be confirmed with the following correction:

Minute n.73 Charter should read -

"MOTION: That the revised Interim Charter of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council be accepted as the Charter".

CARRIED

MOST REV B. WALLACE

The Bishops recorded with deep sorrow, and prayer, the death of the Most Rev B. Wallace who passed away on 8 November 1990.

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Special Issues Sub-Committee

27 CATHOLIC CHURCH INSURANCES LIMITED

Catholic Church Insurances Limited had extended the informal temporary insurance cover of dioceses until 1 June 1991 or until the Special Issues Liability Insurance Policy can be implemented at an earlier date.

Only those Dioceses which abide by the provision of the Protocol which had been drafted by the Sub-Committee will be able to avail themselves of the CCI insurance policy.

To assist Bishops to understand the Policy and the Protocol the Committee moved:

MOTION: That at the April/May 1991 meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference there be a full day Pastoral Discussion on the matters referred to the Special Issues Committee.

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The Bishops acknowledged that this discussion may entail the Plenary Meeting being extended by one day.

28 FACILITY FOR TREATMENT OF PRIESTS IN NEED OF THERAPY 10

The Committee tabled a report prepared by Bishop Mulkearns on his visit to a Centre conducted by the Servants of the Paraclete at Jemez Springs, New Mexico and invited comments and recommendation from the Bishops on this report.

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The following pages have been
intentionally excluded:

1614-1617, 1620-1642 inclusive