

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS
CONFERENCE

APRIL 1994

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ST
PAUL'S NATIONAL SEMINARY, KENSINGTON,
NSW FROM FRIDAY 15 APRIL TO THURSDAY
21 APRIL 1994

ATTENDANCE The following were present:

- + Edward Cardinal Clancy, Archbishop of Sydney, *President*
- + Thomas Francis Little, Archbishop of Melbourne, *Vice President*
- + Francis Carroll, Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn + Leonard Faulkner, Archbishop of Adelaide + Joseph Eric D'Arcy, Archbishop of Hobart + John Bathersby, Archbishop of Brisbane
- + John Jobst, Bishop of Broome
- + Ronald Mulkearns, Bishop of Ballarat
- + John Satterthwaite, Bishop of Lismore
- + Peter Quinn, Bishop of Bunbury
- + David Cremin, Auxiliary, Sydney
- + William Murray, Bishop of Wollongong
- + John Gerry, Auxiliary, Brisbane
- + Robert Healy, Auxiliary, Perth
- + Joseph O'Connell, Auxiliary, Melbourne
- + Patrick Dougherty, Bishop of Bathurst
- + Noel Daly, Bishop of Sandhurst
- + Bede Heather, Bishop of Paramatta
- + Francis Peter De Campo, Bishop of Port Pirie
- + Eugene James Cuskelly, Auxiliary, Brisbane
- + William Brennan, Bishop of Wagga Wagga
- + Geoffrey Robinson, Auxiliary, Sydney
- + Raymond Benjamin, Bishop of Townsville
- + Patrick Power, Auxiliary, Canberra and Goulburn
- + Edmund Collins, Bishop of Darwin
- + George Riashi, Eparch of St Michael's of Sydney
- + Peter Connors, Auxiliary, Melbourne
- + George Pell, Auxiliary, Melbourne
- + Jeremiah Coffey, Bishop of Sale
- + Kevin Manning, Bishop of Armidale
- + Brian Heenan, Bishop of Rockhampton
- + Justin Bianchini, Bishop of Geraldton
- + James Foley, Bishop of Cairns
- + William Morris, Bishop of Toowoomba
- + Hilton Deakin, Auxiliary, Melbourne
- + Peter Stasiuk, Eparch of St Peter and Paul, Melbourne
- + Peter Ingham, Auxiliary, Sydney

NEW MEMBER OF CONFERENCE

Bishop-Elect Barry Collins of Wilcannia-Forbes was warmly

welcomed to the meeting.

3 **OBSERVERS**

Most Rev D C Moore MSC, Bishop of Alotau-Sideia, Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

Delegates from the Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes: Brother Alexis Turton fms Sister Angela Ryan csb

4 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from:

+ Barry Hickey, Archbishop of Perth (for the whole meeting)
+ Leonard Faulkner, Archbishop of Adelaide (for part of meeting) + George Pell, Auxiliary, Melbourne (for part of Meeting) + William Brennan, Bishop of Wagga Wagga (for part of Meeting)

5 **OPENING MASS**

The Mass of the Holy Spirit was concelebrated in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart Monastery, Kensington, at 7 am on Friday 15 April 1994. The President of Conference, Cardinal Clancy, was the principal celebrant and preached the homily.

6 **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting began after recitation of Prayer During The Day at 9.15 am on Friday 15 April 1994.

The President, Cardinal Clancy, welcomed the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, Archbishop Franco Brambilla; the Observers from the Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, Most Rev D Moore MSC, Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes, Sister Angela Ryan csb and Brother Alexis Turton fms; and the Media Officer, Miss Mary Newport.

7 **MESSAGE TO THE HOLY FATHER**

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

THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS, MEETING IN CONFERENCE IN THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER, SEND GREETINGS TO THE HOLY FATHER. WE JOIN WITH HIM IN PROCLAIMING *CHRIST IS RISEN: GO AND MEET HIM!*

OUR PASTORAL DISCUSSION TODAY WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE COMING MEETING OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS ON *THE CONSECRATED LIFE AND ITS ROLE IN THE CHURCH AND IN THE WORLD.*

THERE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSIONS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE JUBILEE YEAR 2000 AND THE MORE IMMEDIATE CELEBRATIONS FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF MARY MAOOLLOP.

WE EAGERLY AWAIT THE VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS TO SYDNEY NEXT JANUARY AND ASK NOW FOR HIS APOSTOLIC BLESSING ON THIS MEETING.

His Eminence, Cardinal Sodano, the Secretary of State, replied:

THE HOLY FATHER WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE MESSAGE OF FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY AND ECCLESIAL COMMUNION SENT TO HIM ON BEHALF OF THE AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS MEETING IN CONFERENCE. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD WITH JOY TO HIS PASTORAL VISIT TO SYDNEY WHEN HE WILL BEATIFY MOTHER MARY MACKILLOP, AN EXEMPLARY WOMAN OF FAITH AND A GUIDING LIGHT OF THE CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA.

HIS HOLINESS PRAYS THAT THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT WILL EVER GUIDE THE BISHOPS IN THEIR STUDY OF THE ROLE OF THE CONSECRATED LIFE IN THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD. HE ENCOURAGES THEIR EFFORTS TO PREPARE THE CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA FOR THE "GREAT SPRINGTIME OF CHRISTIANITY" WHICH GOD IS PREPARING 'AS THE THIRD MILLENNIUM OF THE REDEMPTION DRAWS NEAR¹ (REDEMPTORIS MISSIO, 86).

ENTRUSTING YOU AND YOUR BROTHERS IN THE EPISCOPATE AND ALL THOSE UNDER THEIR PASTORAL CARE TO MARY REGINA CAELI THE HOLY FATHER CORDIALLY IMPARTS THE REQUESTED APOSTOLIC BLESSING.

8 SILVER JUBBLARIANS

The Conference voted congratulations to Bishop Morgan, Quinn and Satterthwaite, who this year celebrate their twenty fifth anniversaries of episcopal ordination.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

Letters from Archbishop Gleeson, Bishop Kelly and Bishop Warren were gratefully received.

10 RETIREMENT OF BISHOP DOUGLAS WARREN

Conference agreed to send greetings to Bishop Warren, who had retired after twenty-seven years as Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes.

11 MESSAGE TO RETIRED BISHOPS

Conference agreed to send greetings to:

- + J P Carroll, Former Auxiliary Archbishop, Sydney
- + J W Gleeson, Former Archbishop of Adelaide
- + A F Fox, Former Bishop of Sale
- + J Cullinane, Former Auxiliary Bishop, Melbourne
- + M McKeon, Former Bishop of Bunbury
- 4- H Kennedy, Former Bishop of Armidale
- + J Torpie, Former Bishop of Cairns
- + J A Morgan, Former Military Vicar
- + A Khalife, Former Bishop of St Maroun, Sydney
- + E Perkins, Former Auxiliary, Melbourne
- + F Rush, Former Archbishop of Brisbane
- + J Heaps, Former Auxiliary, Sydney
- + E F Kelly, Former Bishop of Toowoomba

12 VISIT OF THE APOSTOLIC PRO-NUNCIO

His Excellency addressed the bishops during the Opening Session of the Meeting.

13 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the July 1993 Meeting had been distributed to all members of the Conference.

MOTION That the Minutes of the July 1993 Plenary Meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference be taken as read and be confirmed.

CARRIED

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Relevance

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MEMBERSHIP PANEL

Conference received the Committee's report, which was presented by Bishop Dougherty, Secretary.

126 NEW COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL ISSUES

MOTION That a new Bishops' Committee of three be established for "Special Issues", and that a more appropriate name be given to it.

CARRIED

The following motions were put forward by the sub-committee.

MOTION That Conference establish a new Committee, to succeed the Special Issues sub committee, which will be independent of the Bishops' Committee for Clergy and Religious.

CARRIED

MOTION That the new Committee be known as the Bishops' Committee for Professional Standards.

CARRIED

MOTION That Fathers Brian Lucas and John Usher be appointed as consultants to the new Committee for a term of three years.

CARRIED

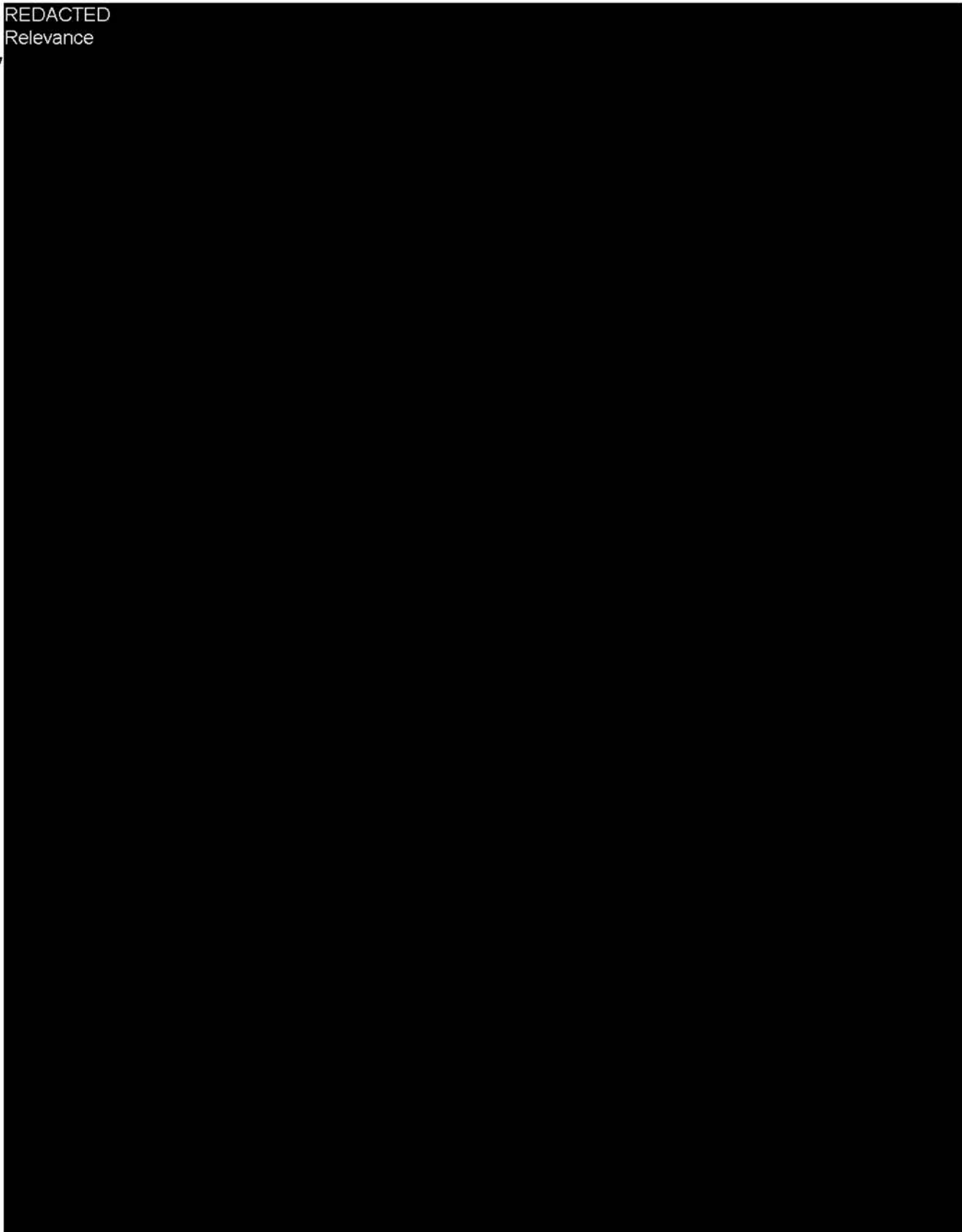
MOTION

That three representatives of the ACLRI and other persons be invited by the Committee to join in its work, with the approval of Central Commission.

CARRIED

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Relevance

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