



**MINUTES OF CURIA MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY, 8TH JULY, 1993**

Chair: Bishop O'Connell, Administrator.

**SECTION A**

1. **PROPERTY UPDATE** As per status report.

2. **PARISH MATTERS**

**KILMORE:** An offer close to \$500,000 has been received for the former convent site. Even if this goes ahead the viability of the relocation is still not certain.

**CHELSEA:** The question of the application of the proceeds of land sales will be taken to the DFC. Alienation proceedings have commenced. The issue highlights the question of how parishes apply their patrimony. Mr. Exell will prepare a paper proposing a way whereby parishes might apply their patrimony for wider diocesan needs.

**NORTH MELBOURNE:** \$200,000 must be spent on the Church within six months. It has been suggested to Father Grasby that he allocate the rent from one or more of the parish properties to this end. At this time there is no offer of diocesan assistance. Bishop O'Connell questioned the viability of the parish in the event of present school Principal leaving.

**CROYDON:** East Ringwood school has closed at the end of this term and will be at the new site at the start of next term.

**TEMPLESTOWE:** The lease between Southern Cross Homes and the parish regarding land for aged care facility has been sealed.

**WERRIBEE:** We are in negotiation for a new parish/school site north of Werribee. We have the opportunity of purchasing about 30 acres.



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**BAYSIDE PARISHES:**

Mr. Exell's memo to Bishop O'Connell on the possible amalgamation was noted. The CEO will be advised that the documentation presented and signed by the parish priests should be directed, in the first instance to the Archbishop. Question of parish equity still uncertain.

3. **HOSTEL, NORTH SUNSHINE/MERCY HOSPICE/NURSING HOME**  
Father J. O'Reilly, closely involved with Mercy Hospice has expressed strong concerns about Catholic Homes for the Elderly conducting fund-raising activities in favour of their joint venture with North Sunshine.
4. **CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES REVIEW**  
Mr. Exell indicated the review must be independent in order to address the legitimate concerns about the future directions.
5. **VICTORIAN COMMUNITY SUMMIT**  
Father Peter Norden has attended preliminary meetings as the Archbishop's representative. The diocese's contribution will be \$3000.
6. **PASTORAL ASSOCIATES' ANNUAL GATHERING**  
Request has been received from the pastoral associates for the diocese to meet the running costs of \$1,250.00 of the annual gathering.  
  
After discussion, it was agreed that this item should stay on the agenda so that the diocesan structures can be addressed by Curia at length.
7. **CROPP: CENSUS DATA AND USES THEREOF**  
While recognising the possible advantages of such material, Mr. Exell suggested that the accumulation and manipulation of mere raw data was not an end in itself.
8. **HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT ; GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**  
It would appear that a change in policy at the Commissariat has led to a request for this payment from the Archdiocese which is usually made in December.
9. **CATHOLIC HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY**  
The Annual report has been received and indicates the organisation is in a healthy condition and doing an excellent job.



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10. **DEALING WITH UNSATISFACTORY STAFF**  
It was agreed that the number of cases where priests are in difficulty over the handling of unsatisfactory staff warrants attention in the next Vicar General's mail-out.
11. **DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST**  
Recent advertising for an Archivist has led to 15/20 applications. It is intended the Archivist would focus first on the Diocesan Historical Commission.
12. **NEWMAN COLLEGE 75TH ANNIVERSARY**  
The Pugh sketch of Archbishop Mannix has been loaned to Newman College for its anniversary.
13. **PRIESTS RETIREMENT**  
Planning for 10 units at Essendon is proceeding. The next step is to determine the basis of agreement with the Columbans; lease or purchase.
14. **CATHEDRAL RESTORATION**  
The "Progress Summary - June 1993" document was discussed (attached).
15. **SALE OF MORAN HOUSE**  
An offer of \$690,000 for Moran House has been received from Caritas Christi Hospice. Proceeds of the sale to fund retirement accommodation at Essendon.

**SECTION B**

1. **SPECIAL ISSUES**
  - i) Father Fleming's notes of the morning session at the Veneto Club will be made available on request.
  - ii) Mr. N. Tonti-Filipini's paper, proposing a way of proceeding with prominent lay participation, was discussed.
2. **REVEREND J. LANGRIDGE**  
Will commence evening classes to learn signing. Full-time appointment to Catholic deaf to proceed in 1994.
- 3 **CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Bishop David Konstant's itinerary, prepared by CEO was discussed.  
Details of the clergy meetings will need to be forwarded to priests as soon as possible.  
The Archbishop to determine whether the bishops' meeting for Wednesday 25th August should be for Melbourne bishops or Victorian bishops.



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A letter campaign from St. Michael's Uniting Church Amnesty Group opposing the Catechism's attitude to capital punishment has been targeted to the Archbishop.

4. **FATHER S. RIGO**

Bishop O'Connell has written to Professor Daffey requesting his assistance in enabling Father Rigo's appointment to Mercy Campus to proceed. The Vicar General will prepare a letter of appointment for Father Rigo.

5. **V.G. MATTERS**

- a) Letters appointing Fathers Egan and Curran PE will be prepared for the Archbishop's signature on his return.
- b) Father R. Pickering - the Vicar General will write to Father Pickering addressing the substance of Father Pickering's latest letter.
- c) Bartl Case - the Vicar General reported on a recent meeting in his office with Father McKie, Father Fleming, Father M. Reynolds, Mr. Alan Steart and Mr. M. Teghan of Minter Ellison, regarding the latest action taken by the Bartl's against Father McKie, Father Doyle, the Vicar General and the Archbishop.
- d) Father G. Bennett - has been advised by the V. G. not to proceed with the Rulla Institute's Formative Leadership Programme at this time.
- e) The mother of Reverend Burns Huggan has died. Funeral details to be confirmed.

**NEXT CURIA MEETING, FRIDAY, 23RD JULY, 1993, 2.00 PM.**