

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S PERSONNEL
ADVISORY BOARD HELD AT THE DIOCESAN CENTRE
ON WEDNESDAY, 1ST MAY, 1985.

PRESENT: Most Reverend T.F. Little, D.D., K.B.E.
Most Reverend J.A. Kelly, D.D., V.G., P.P.
Most Reverend E.G. Perkins, D.D., V.G., P.P.
Most Reverend J.P. O'Connell, D.D., V.G., P.P.
Reverend Mgr. P.J. Connors, D.C.L., V.G.
Reverend Mgr. J.W. Murray, E.V., P.P.
Reverend W. O'Driscoll, P.P.
Reverend J. Mullally, P.P.
Reverend P. Dalton.
Reverend A. Feeney.
Reverend J. Grech.
Reverend M. Fitzpatrick.

APOLOGY: Reverend M. Casey.

The Archbishop welcomed Father M. Fitzpatrick to his first meeting as a member of the Personnel Advisory Board.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th March, 1985, were read and confirmed.

1. Parish of Moonee Ponds: Father B. Steen is to take up an appointment as an Assistant Priest in the Parish of Moonee Ponds upon his return from his annual vacation.

2. Inner City Parish (East Melbourne Section): The Vicar General informed the members that Father Ralph Byrne, O.F.M. is able to remain at East Melbourne until the end of June. Father Michael Fitzpatrick is to make contact with Father Kevin Smith to ascertain whether he intends to return to his present appointment.

3. Parish of South St. Albans: Mr. John Grant has provided a letter in which he indicates that Father A. Guelen will not be able to return to the Parish for 4 to 5 months. Bishop O'Connell is to make contact with Father Martin Fleming.

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4. Parish of South Blackburn: Father Fitzpatrick reported that he had made contact with Father M. Kennelly who claimed that he was in control of the situation. No action is to be taken at the present moment.

5. Parish of East Thornbury: The Vicar General is to enquire of Father J. Petrauskas whether he would be willing to take a vacation with Father Luke Newington, O.F.M. as his full time supply.

6. Parish of Doveton: The Vicar General informed the members that he will receive a delegation of concerned parishioners from the Parish of Doveton on Tuesday, 7th May, 1985.

7. Parish of Mulgrave: Father W. O'Driscoll (Convenor), Bishop Kelly and Father A. Feeney are to comprise a committee which will investigate the establishment of a new Parish at Wheelers Hill.

8. Accommodation for Fathers P. Matheson and D. Sheehan: Father Mullally informed the members that a number of options were being investigated by Fathers Matheson and Sheehan. No action needs to be taken at the present time.

9. Procedures for Appointment of Clergy: Father P. Dalton tabled a discussion paper setting out suggestions for the appointment of Parish Priests, Specialist Priests and Assistant Priests. It was decided that a preamble to the procedure would be of importance. The members agreed in principle with the procedures outlined for the appointment of Parish Priests. Father Dalton will make investigations during his coming visit to the United States of America concerning procedures for the appointment of Assistant Priests. Meanwhile he will re-draft the discussion paper in the light of the discussion which took place.

10. Parishes with Assistant Priests: Monsignor Connors, The Vicar General, and Father J. Grech are to investigate the list of Parishes which have an Assistant Priest so that recommendations can be made to the next meeting as to which Parishes could yield an Assistant Priest.

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11. Father J. Welch: The Vicar General is to discuss with Father Welch the possibility of his moving away from Moran House, Kew. Father K. O'Donnell, the Parish Priest of Oakleigh is willing to accept Father Welch on the same terms as the current procedures at Reservoir and Glenroy. It may be necessary for the Vicar General to speak with Father Welch's Medical Advisor.

12. Father G. Mitchell: Father G. Mitchell is about to conclude his 5 year term as Chaplain to the R.A.N. He has informed Father Fitzpatrick that he would wish to use his expertise in special education if he were to return to the Archdiocese. The Archbishop is to consult with Bishop G. Maynes.

13. Father N. Wilson: It was agreed that Father N. Wilson should be given leave for 8/10 weeks to visit Mission stations overseas.

14. Parish of Woodend: Father J. Mullally gave a resume of the present discussions which are taking place concerning the siting of the Parish Primary School. The final decision is to remain with the Parish Priest. It seems that an independent board should be set up to act as an adjudicator.

15. Parish of Spotswood: Bishop O'Connell gave a report on events which had led up to the withdrawal of the Sisters of St. Joseph from the Parish Primary School and from the Parish. It was decided that no action needs to be taken at the present moment.

16. Parish of Dandenong: Some discussion was given to the pastoral requirements of the Parish of Dandenong when certain decisions are made public.

17. Father Paul Castley, M.S.C. Father Castley has written to the Archbishop offering his services in the field of pastoral care programmes. Father Castley is to be informed that there do not appear to be any opportunities for the use of his expertise.

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18. Chaplain to the Dutch Community: The Archbishop informed the members that he had received a number of representations seeking a more adequate chaplaincy service to the Dutch Community. It seems that Father Molenaar himself may be experiencing a desire to be relieved of his duties as part-time Assistant Priest in the Parish of Dandenong.

19. State Director for Papal Visit: The Archbishop asked the members to give some consideration to the appointment of a suitable Director in the State of Victoria for the proposed Papal visit.

20. Ecclesiastical Advisor to the Serra Club Movement: The members agreed that Father K. Dillon, P.P. should be re-appointed for a term of 3 years as Ecclesiastical Advisor to the Serra Clubs in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

21. Father Ignatius Thambuswamy, C.S.S.R. The members agreed that approval should be given to Father Ignatius Thambuswamy to take up an appointment for pastoral work in the Archdiocese of Melbourne for 12 months.

22. Father Egidio Tridaco: The office for Italian Migrants has nominated Father Egidio Tridaco for chaplaincy services in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Father Tridaco is known to some of the Priests of the Archdiocese. It was decided that the offer should be declined.

23. Father Luke Fay, C.S.S.R. The members gave their approval to the appointment of Father Luke Fay, C.S.S.R. as Assistant Priest in the Parish of Castlemaine, when his Provincial Superior makes him available.

24. Deacon G. Fitzpatrick: The Archbishop informed the members that he had received reports from Father G. Fitzpatrick, Parish Priest of Moreland and from Mr. Ronald Conway indicating that Deacon Fitzpatrick should be promoted to the Order of Priests. After discussion, the members agreed that more information should be obtained before a final decision is made.

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The Archbishop informed the members that Fathers M. Casey and A. Feeney would be terminating their membership of the Personnel Advisory Board. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation for their dedication to this very important work during their term of office.

The members asked if it were possible for some of the items of the Agenda could be presented to them prior to the date of the meeting.

The next meeting of the Archbishop's Personnel Advisory Board will take place at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th June, 1985, in the Archbishop's Boardroom.