

The Valladolid Association



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Valladolid Association, held Tuesday 19th June 2001
in the Raven Hotel, Drotiwich**

Welcome and Apologies

The President welcomed the gathered members. 42 members gathered for the meeting and 38 apologies were noted. There was a slight increase in the numbers replying for this year, which was welcomed by the members.

Minutes

Were circulated and approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

None were recorded, some minor changes to the database were noted

Finances

A financial report had been handed out and the only outstanding items were the bills for the hotel.

State of Play at the College

This was the main item of the agenda and Peter Dooling addressed some of the issues which were at the forefront of peoples' minds.

- The Vulnerata celebration put the College well and truly on the map. It was a truly moving and splendid celebration which was well publicised and well covered in the media.
- The College had a great year in many areas. However just prior to Easter there was the prospect of 4 students for formation and no real hope for the future. Whilst small is good there comes a point at which that formation is not possible and leads to: (i) Concern for the formation community (ii) Concern for the College

- Hence if this happened could the College continue, that was the question, so a report was sent to the Bishops for their consideration.
- Archbishop Nichols on a visit to the College was inspired and impressed and wanted to make sure that the Bishops sent students for formation.
- Valladolid needs looking at within the whole context of the formation in seminaries. The Bishops have set up a commission to look at seminary provision nationally. An assessment will be made to the Bishops' Conference for Low Week. Various solutions proposed in what will be a long process, but the process is started. 1 Diocese is withdrawing a student, just leaving 2.
- The Cardinal and Archbishop Nichols are being true to their word and others have promised but no names forthcoming.
- On the up side of things, there is concern but no fear for the College. A vice rector will be in place and the pre-seminary year is working very effectively within the seminary formation, although it does beg some questions in terms of numbers.

After some discussion on other ideas as to possible sources of vocations, and ways to address the problem the members agreed to promote the College in their own dioceses. A vote of confidence in the College was proposed by B Jones and accepted unanimously. The Association supports the College wholeheartedly.

Under advice from the Rector and if necessary it will send a letter of recommendation for the College to the Bishops' Commission. The Trustees will work with any developments

President for 2002

M Kujacz was proposed and there being no other nomination was duly elected as president

New members

M Jaworoski proposed by P Dooling and seconded by M Kujacz accepted

G Brassington, proposed by P Dooling and seconded by M Kujacz
accepted

D Augner, proposed by J Green, and seconded by F Parkinson accepted

Meeting 2002

Droitwich on June 18th was proposed and accepted.

AOB

There was none

A vote of thanks was proposed for the PP of Sacred Heart and the Hotel. The meeting closed and lunch was served.