

# The Valladolid Association



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Valladolid Association, held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2002  
in the Raven Hotel, Drotiwich**

## **Attendance**

35 members attended the AGM

## **Apologies**

Had been received from 40 members.

## **Minutes**

Were agreed as a true record of the meeting

## **President**

For this meeting it was decided the Rector would chair the meeting. In future cases where no Jubilarian is found, this will be the case

## **College Report**

Peter Dooling gave a report on the College to date.

- The Bishops have set up a commission to visit all the colleges, visiting Valladolid over the feast of the Vulnerata. They produced a good visitation and spoke of the strengths and weaknesses of the College in a constructive and positive way. Although some criticism was made of the time scale of the Augs, which was felt to be restrictive, the Augs themselves are undergoing changes to their curriculum.

- The Trustees will look at the report and its findings later on, and Bishop Arthur has met with them in a very fruitful meeting.
- The Rectors have not been informed as to what is in the Report to be presented to Conference, and Low week is too much to present that study. The Rectors' have moved their meeting to after the report is published and other meetings will be held to discuss the contents of the Report. What happened in the Press as to speculation was the result of many factors, some of which could have been unsettled seminaries.
- There is a recommendation to the Bishops with a covering letter and they are going to set up further examination of the resources, looking at Oscott/Ushaw as Liverpool/Midlands base; Womersley/Allen Hall as the Southwark/Westminster base. No future for Valladolid has yet been decided and cannot be without reference to the Holy See, because of its status. The 3 Bishops are making an approach to Catholic Education in Rome (Nichols; Roche, Jaboli).
- The pre-seminary year is almost demanded by Rome. Valladolid has been well set up for this and the students were impressed with the Bishops who recognised the pre-seminary as one of the strengths of Valladolid. There is a strong move to have the pre-seminary in Valladolid, thus making the best use of its resources.
- The Association need not be afraid of the College being sold as the Patrimony is a gift from Spain. It does have a future, maybe a different and diverse future, but there is one.
- Peter Dooling is retiring from the College which should not be seen as resigning. The new way forward needs a new Head and direction. Michael Kujacz will take over as Rector, that appointment is now awaiting all the official material and poderes from Rome and Spain.

At the end of the Report, the Association proposed a vote of thanks to Peter for all his work. The pre-seminary year does throw up questions and needs re-thinking in terms of outside contact. Being explored are different ways of working with USA and the New world posing questions for new ways of ministering. The College is working to promote experiences in a Catholic faith in a catholic country.

## **Sec/Financial Reports**

The up to date accounts were circulated. We will look to ways of increasing communication.

### **Request for e-mail addresses**

All agreed to Kevin's request to furnish e-mail addresses.

## **2003 President**

P Nathaniel; B Curley; J Rigden are Silver; B Davenport (50); G Chidgey (60).

J Rigden, proposed by B Higham and seconded by F Carvill will be president for next year.

## **New members**

J McLoughlin, proposed by J Ryan; seconded B Higham, nem com

Institute 2 honorary members, S Brown and G Ryan

D Kearney has also expressed an interest in joining the association.

Diocesan reps need to inform secretary of any moves. As for deaths, perhaps the Bishops can inform the colleges of any deaths of clergy.

## **Meeting next year**

Drotwich, 17 June 2003.

There being no further business the meeting closed for lunch.