

# The Valladolid Association



## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Valladolid Association, held Tuesday 21st June 2005 in the Raven Hotel, Drotiwich**

### **Welcome**

The President, Fr Michael Kujacz welcomed the following to the AGM

Rt Rev A. Roche, Bishop of Leeds, Revv Baker, Bolland, Brassington, Carvill, Clarke, Collins, Coxe, Coyle, Croughan, Dean, Deeny, Dooling, Dykes, Everitt, Fealey, Gleeson, Griffiths, Harris, Hayes, Henderson, Higham, Hishon, B. Jones, M. Jones, Joyce, Kujacz, J. Mcloughlin, K. McLoughlin, O'Connor, O'Dowd, Parkinson, Pate, Peters, Prescott, Rigden, V. Ryan, Slater, D. Smith, P. Smith, Tomkins, A. Turner, J. Walsh, Webb, Webster, Williams, Messrs Blunt, Counce, Cocker, Hammond, Hyland, Leahy, Magee, McCarthy, McCoy, Ormerod, Reynolds, Thorp.

In welcoming the gathering The President commented on the success of the previous evening.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Revs Bottrill, Brown, Chidegy, Corrigan, Darlington, Dean, Draine, Elliott, Fellows, Garvey, Gordon, Hallet, Horn, Keyworth, King, McDonough, Naylor, Nowotnik, O'Donovan, Reid, Ritchie, Rother, G. Ryan, J. Ryan, C. Smith, Trafford, A. Walsh, Messrs, Glennon, McCoy, Naughton, Noone, O'Donoghue, Short, Spillane, Ward

### **2. Minutes**

The minutes from the 2004 meeting were circulated with the notice of the AGM. Fr. F Parkinson proposed and Fr. V. Ryan seconded that the minutes be adopted as a true record of that meeting. The proposal was carried.

### **3. Matters Arising**

None was recorded.

### **4. Secretary's and Financial Report**

The secretary reported that the membership currently stood at 162. Since the last AGM 2 members had died namely Fr. Joe Hope (Salford) who was the oldest Old Boy, and Fr. Michael Keegan (Leeds).

56 members were attending the AGM, of which 44 had stayed the previous evening; 2 guests were present and 35 members had sent apologies.

During the course of the year he had sent condolences to the Bishops' Conference of Spain, on the death of Don Marcello.

The accounts were circulated and the secretary advised that the last year had shown an increased surplus of £420 because a member, who wished to remain anonymous, had paid for the luncheon wines. A surplus of £800 was projected for the end of the current year. He reported that he did not consider that there was any reason to amend the membership fees and pointed out that savings in printing were significant and due to the generosity of Mgr. Dooling who allowed free access to his parish copier.

Mr. Charlie Hammond proposed that the report be adopted, seconded by Fr. P Harris and carried by the members.

## **5. Rector's Report**

The Rector presented his report to The Association elaborating on the activities of the last year;

- Of the current 15 students whom the rector described as 'extraordinary' 12 were planning to continue the studies, including three who were going to Rome. All who left this year were steeped in the College traditions.
- The rector was in consultation with the Irish Bishops over the possibility of providing a propaedeutic year for Irish students.
- The students of Ushaw had visited the College for Holy Week
- There was a continuous stream of visitors all of whom were welcomed
- Ryanair continues to increase the popularity of the College. Visitors were always welcome but the College also needed to have a quiet period and the 'quiet period' dates would be published on the website.
- 17 students were expected for the next academic year, with the possibility of 20 or more. A lot of younger candidates were coming forward and 7 of the group would be between 19 and 22, presenting a new challenge to the College
- 6 ordinations would take place this year of former propaedeutic year students and the Rector suggested that within a few years there could be as many as 60 new members of The Association
- The Rector invited the members to the College for the feast of the College Martyrs – 25 October 2006

His report was greeted with applause and he responded to questions from the floor.

## **6 Constitution**

In view of the changed role of the College it had been deemed appropriate to amend the Constitution, and issue which had been debated at the previous AGM. The intended amendment to the Constitution wording had been circulated with the notice of the AGM. Adoption was formally proposed by Fr. J. Rigden, seconded by Fr. B Higham and carried unanimously.

## **7. Election of New Members**

The secretary reported that the following nominations had been received and duly seconded;

Fr. K. McLoughlin  
Fr. E. Henderson  
Rev. N. Evans  
Rev. M. Moran  
Rev. T. Smith  
Rev. K. Tierney  
Mr. B. Jackson  
Mr. K. O'Toole

Fr. A. Hayes proposed, and Fr. P Coxe seconded, that the nominees be elected to the Association, which proposal was carried unanimously.

#### **8. Election of President for 2006**

Mgr. P. Dooling proposed that Fr. A. O'Dowd be elected President for the year. Seconded by Fr. F. Parkinson the proposal was carried. Fr. O'Dowd indicated his willingness to accept the presidency.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

In response to questions from the floor the President advised that

- A feasibility study was in hand to produce replicas of The Vulnerata
- DVDs would be produced of the College photographs
- The Vallesoletan was in the course of being distributed
- He enquired about a missing edition of The Albanian. Fr. B. Higham confirmed that he had a copy of the missing edition which he would send to the College

The President also advised members that he had brought a limited supply of Mgr. Gerald Chidgey's pamphlet, 'Reflections'.

#### **Meeting 2006**

Tuesday 20<sup>st</sup> June 2006 at the Raven Hotel, Droitwich.