DIOCESAN SUPPLEMENTARY CAPITAL FUND

INTRODUCTION

Government authorities provide very limited assistance to Catholic schools to enable them to embark on necessary capital projects. The Government programs are heavily guided by socio-economic status considerations. This means that many schools in the Diocese of Sale find themselves ineligible for Capital Grants.

However, there are very real needs for capital developments in many schools in the diocese. There are new suburban developments in areas not necessarily qualifying under Socio Economic Status (SES) provisions. Further, many of the schools in the Diocese are long established, having facilities in need of significant refurbishment. The fact that a school has a high SES score does not equate to its ability to fund these developments entirely unsupported.

PRINCIPLES

Catholic schools formed themselves into a system precisely to share the burdens and benefits to which all schools are subject. There is a clear mandate for such sharing as noted in Scripture and in many Church teachings. Indeed, we need to take a lead from the early Christian community as described in the Acts of the Apostles (2:44-45).

“The faithful all live together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed”.

POLICY

Each primary school in the Diocese of Sale will be levied on an annual basis with those levies paid into a Diocesan Supplementary Capital Fund. These funds will be available to support the provision of financial resources for capital projects for those schools whose socio economic scores virtually eliminate them from ever obtaining capital assistance from government funds.

Schools will be eligible to apply for these funds according to the provisions of the Diocesan Supplementary Capital Fund Procedures Manual as varied from time to time.
OUTCOMES

When this policy is effectively implemented –

- The number of primary schools in the Diocese of Sale able to complete necessary capital projects will increase
- There will be a just sharing of resources across and between schools in the Diocese of Sale.

REFERENCES


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