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The **Diocesan Curia** consists of three Departments:

**Pastoral Formation** – provides formation, support, encouragement, inspiration and leadership in the areas of catechesis, collaborative ministry, disability issues, evangelisation, liturgy and youth ministry in the context of *Growing Together in Christ* and *Go Out and Bear Fruit*.

The **Head of Department** is Nicky Stevens.

**Schools** – promotes and develops all aspects of the Catholic nature of our schools, primary, middle and secondary.

The **Head of Department** is Chris Richardson.

**Finance and Property** – provides professional guidance and help to the Bishop, Trustees, priests and parish communities for administering the temporal assets of the Diocese in accordance with civil law and the aims of the Bishop's *Vision for the Diocese*.

The **Head of Department** is Stephen Morgan.

The **Moderator of the Curia** is Mgr John Nelson.

Fr Paul Townsend, the **Episcopal Vicar for the Formation of the Clergy** has responsibility for the support and education of all priests including those who are preparing for ordination and those who are retired.

The **Diocesan Director of Vocations** is Fr Gerard Flynn

The **Personnel Committee** is a sub-committee of the Trustees of the Diocese, and is chaired by Mgr John Nelson. The Trustees, as an employer, have a responsibility to ensure that the rights of people employed in the Diocese are properly looked after. These employees fall into two groups: those employed centrally in the Diocese and those working in parishes. Providing support to parishes on employment-related issues is a growing part of the Committee's work.

The **Diocesan Tribunal** is based in Sandhurst and run by the **Judicial Vicar**, Fr Dominic Golding. It has the responsibility of ensuring justice is provided in the Diocese in accordance with Canon Law (the law of the Church). The bulk of its work involves responding to the needs of those whose marriages have broken down and who seek to establish whether they are able to marry in the Catholic Church (Decrees of Nullity, Annulments). Although sometimes appearing legal and dry, the work of the Tribunal is essentially pastoral as it comes in contact with people who have often been hurt by their experiences.

The **Christian Unity Committee**, chaired by Dom Gervase Holdaway, promotes and resources the development of relationships with other Christian churches and communities across the Diocese.

The **Spirituality Development Group** offers Weeks of Guided Prayer, Days of reflection and formation and advises people looking for spiritual direction. It is chaired by Fr Paul King.

