

## **The Position of the Friends of St. Colman's Cathedral regarding the proposed re-ordering of St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh.**

- 1. As far as the interior of St. Colman's Cathedral is concerned, all the original fixtures and fittings should remain in their present position.**
- 2. Apart from that we are quite willing to explore the possibility of providing a new and suitable altar to replace the present unsuitable temporary one, along as it is sited in the present position of the temporary altar. We are also prepared to fundraise for this.**
- 3. Regarding the Mortuary Chapel situated under the southwest tower, we do not agree to its being turned into a second vesting sacristy as there is more than adequate space in the existing and very elegant sacristy. When used as it was originally intended this is a perfect place for family members to spend quite time with their deceased relatives.**
- 4. Consequently we see no reason to change the Pieta Chapel which was built for a specific purpose, that is the lying in state of a Bishop, into a mortuary chapel.**
- 5. In principle we have no objection to some practical matters such as toilets being installed in the existing sacristy area, where one toilet already exists, or even the construction of external toilets, in a suitable discreet area. The same would apply for lighting and acoustics, but we would need to see the plans for all of the above before giving our wholehearted agreement. Regarding wheelchair access, we do not see this as a problem as there is already wheelchair access to the Cathedral through the North Transept door and we see no reason to alter the main West door entrance when access is already available.**
- 6. We would also agree to any cleaning repair, and maintenance of the Cathedral as long as it was carried out to internationally recognised standards.**