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30th March, 1988.

Most Rev. H.J. Kennedy,
Bishop of Armidale,
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My Lord,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 28th March, 1988, in which you communicated your decision to accede to my request to be relieved from active ministry until such time as we mutually agree for me to resume active ministry.

I thank you, too, for the invitation to meet with you when necessary to discuss my recuperation.

I have spoken with Father Gerard Hanna, the Administrator of Tamworth, and together we decided I would 'step down' after Easter. By then I will have completed the rounds of the various Masses in the parish. Father Hanna said he would continue to pay me the Basic car allowance, and would continue paying the parish contribution to The Armidale Diocesan Investment Fund.

Father Tony Castelli, the Treasurer of the Armidale Diocesan Clerical Salary and Retirement Fund, said he would pay my salary each month, from the Fund.

Father Ross O'Brien, the Administrator of the Cathedral, has invited me to reside there. I asked Father Willis and Father Davis if this was agreeable to them, and they expressed the view that they thought my being there would be good for me. I would like to record my gratitude to the three priests at the Cathedral, and yourself, for the warm support shown me during these traumatic times.

My doctor prescribed some medication for me, and it has been very effective in settling me down. He recommended that I continue to see Mr Boyle, the psychologist, in order that he may give professional help as I work through the effects of recent happenings.

As we move into the annual celebrations of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection, I extend to you every good wish for the blessings of this Season.

Sincerely,

