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My Dear Lord Bishop,

It is with some relief that I am able to inform you that Fr. John Farrell's case will not be taken further.

Mr Harry O'Halloran contacted me to-day, to say he had heard from the Q.C. advising the Director of Public Prosecutions. The submissions made on behalf of Fr. Farrell by our Q.C. (MR PORTER) and Harry O'Halloran have been upheld and the case will not be re-opened nor go to trial. as far as the civil law is concerned, the matter is at an end.

I wish I could say the same for the Church. The matter continues to be delicate and given the small nature of our diocese - personnel and population wise - it is difficult to see how an appointment could be possible for Fr. Farrell in the near future.

It seems to me, my Lord,

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The widest possible professional consultation and the most careful course of deliberation is now called for. There are no outstanding accounts for legal expenses to date. I advised you earlier that I paid the last a/c for \$900 (29-6-88) - this from the St Nicholas Presbytery a/c.

Once more, I point to the inestimable value of Mr. Harry O'Halleary's contribution in this whole, very sensitive matter. His own loyalty to the Church, his concern for Fr. Farrell's anguished state, and his reliance on prayer for guidance at all times has sustained us over this long and difficult period; and all this without charging for his professional services.

If I can be of any further help in this unfortunate affair, let me say that I will gladly do what I can to settle outstanding questions yet to be resolved.

Yours faithfully
Gerard Hanna

Rev. GERARD HANNA