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27th September, 1990

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Dear Father John,

Thank you very much for your letter of 22nd August. I was also grateful to have the chance to talk things over with you in the course of the Assembly of Priests at Wahroonga earlier this month, and again took the opportunity to discuss your situation with the College of Consultors at their meeting on 26th September.

I am therefore pleased to confirm the arrangement reached verbally with you, namely, that your assistance at Kenthurst for the month of September is acknowledged, and that in the light of it a car allowance for that month is approved. I enclose a cheque.

I also understand that you will be supplying at Kenthurst during the month of October in the absence of Father Chris Dixon on holiday leave. That service too will attract a car allowance from the diocese in due course.

Both these matters are seen to be in the nature of supply and do not involve an appointment or a renewal of appointment to the parish of Kenthurst.

I think it is important to recognise that you belong to the presbyterium of the Diocese of Armidale, and that it is to be expected that your future ministry lies in that diocese.

You will recall that Bishop Kennedy gave approval for you to be with us for twelve months as from November 1989. Of course your appointment at Kenthurst concluded at the end of June, although you have continued to live there in the meantime and to be of assistance as a supply. If there is to be any continued presence in our diocese following October this will need to be negotiated afresh with Bishop Kennedy. If it does turn out that this is the case you will not be appointed to Kenthurst, which strictly speaking has no need of an assistant priest at this time. Perhaps towards the end of October you could get in touch with me and let me know what are your intentions.

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I repeat, as I have often done, that I would like to help you in so far as possible to return with satisfaction to the exercise of the ministry to which you have been ordained and I presume called. It does seem to me, however, important to consider the context, that is the diocese, to which you were originally called.

It was good to have you with us at the Assembly, and I noted that you derived great satisfaction from the company of your fellow priests there. My kind wishes for the present,

Fraternally,



BISHOP BEDE HEATHER
BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA

Encl.

c.c. Rev. C. Dixon