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My Lord,

I am writing to advise that I met with Fr. John Farrell in company with Fr. Wayne Peters and Fr. John Usher on Thursday, 23rd September.

The attached document was presented as the basis for discussion.

John has indicated that he is 'not adverse' to the proposal contained therein but 'at this stage' is not inclined to implement point (3).

He has asked for some time to reflect on the proposal and consider 'the practicalities'. He would also like some time to speak to his parents and he indicated that he might take them for a brief holiday. He said that he would contact you in a week or so.

He felt the need for some space to allow further reflection on his situation and asked that the formalisation of the arrangements be deferred until the end of October.

In the meantime he will accept hospitality from Fr. John Cox at Ruse.

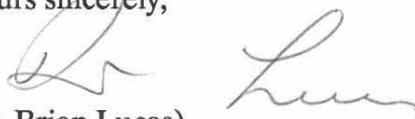
I believe that this is satisfactory. Considerable progress has been made and allowing John some sense of control about the future would be in his best interests.

We have agreed to a further meeting of John and myself on Friday, 2nd October to discuss future options.

John has considered taking a scholarship and engaging in full-time study for a PhD. While this is not the preferred option it may be the best next step. This would, of course, be on the basis of the rest of point 5 being fully implemented.

I will keep you informed of developments.

Yours sincerely,


 (Fr. Brian Lucas)
 ARCHDIOCESAN SECRETARY.

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POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. For the reasons previously explained and taking into account all the circumstances there is no possibility of an appointment at this stage.
2. This is subject to ongoing review.
3. In the event of an application for laicisation the recommendation would be that the diocese support this and assist in its implementation.
4. In the event that laicisation is resisted then some significant proof of the possibility of successful ministry must be provided.
5. To assist in the presentation of the proof required in (4) the following is recommended:
 - 5.1 That there be a period of extended leave of say 5 years with an initial review in two years.
 - 5.2 That there be full-time secular employment and a secular living situation.
 - 5.3 That there be no ecclesial ministry (either clerical or lay).
 - 5.4 That there be an approved programme of therapy and in this respect ongoing therapy with Dr. Alex Blasczynski is recommended.
 - 5.5 That the person concerned pay for such therapy and futher, as a gesture of goodwill, attempt to meet some of the previous costs expended in the legal process.
 - 5.6 That there be an approved person appointed as a monitor, to whom there must be regular reporting.
 - 5.7 That there be a positive report that unambiguously recommends a future appointment.
6. In the event of some possible future appointment it will be not in the relevant diocese and will not be parochial and will be limited to a specialised ministry of minimal risk.
7. The Special Issues Resource Group for the Province will supervise the implementation of the above if so directed by the bishop.