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Wednesday, 18 June 2003

Dear Gerardine,

John Joseph FARRELL

At long last John Farrell has accepted my suggestion that he undertake a Full Assessment at Encompass. Edwina has booked him in for 20th July.

My reason for suggesting that he go to Encompass is simply that this man has been out of the priesthood for some ten years now. He needs personal counselling for he is a very unhappy man. He has a history of molesting boys over a period of time. He has been told that he cannot return to the priesthood. Where does his future lie? A professional assessment of his personality should form the basis of some decisions he has to make. Of course, there is never one, simple cause for a person like John acting as he has and seems to continue to act. He needs help.

He remains a priest of this Diocese and so I have responsibilities towards him. His history shows that he agreed in earlier years to go to Encompass; he pulled out at the last moments, as he did with me in 2000. Maybe this time he will present and accept the assessment.

I enclose a Summary and another sheet from our records. Next week I am travelling to Sydney for meetings and I will take occasion to call at your office.

In the meantime you might let me know if anything else may be required at this time.

With thanks for accepting this person,
 Sincerely,

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Most Reverend Luc Matthys
 Bishop of Armidale