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Most Rev. H. J. Kennedy, D. D.
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My Lord,

I, the undersigned, JOHN JOSEPH FARRELL, in presenting to you the Bishop of the Diocese of ARMIDALE, my petition for the reception of ORINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD, as the time for ordination is near at hand, having carefully considered the matter before God, do upon my oath testify in the first place that I am urged by no sort of compulsion or force or fear in receiving the aforesaid sacred order, but that I do spontaneously desire, and of my own free will wish to receive the same, because I know and feel I am truly called by God.

I acknowledge that I know fully all the burdens and other consequences which flow from the said sacred order and these I resolve to keep most faithfully during my whole life.

I declare that I am clearly aware of what the law of celibacy entails; and I firmly resolve with the help of God to fulfill that law willingly and to keep it in its entirety until the end.

Finally, I sincerely promise that I will always, according to the sacred canons, obey most exactly all the precepts of my superiors, and whatever the discipline of the Church requires, being prepared to give an example of virtue either in work or in word, in suchwise that I may deserve to be rewarded by God for the assumption of so great an office.

This I promise, this I vow, this I swear, so help me God and these sacred Gospels which I teach with my hand.

John Farrell

16th August, 1981.

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President

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