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Rev. Father J. Farrell
 REDACTED

Dear Father John ,

I have received your letter of 29 May in which you request permission to preside at the funeral of REDACTED at the Church in Pilliga .

It concerns me John that you still do not seem to realise the seriousness of your situation . You are a suspended priest of the Diocese. You do not seem to appreciate that, under the present circumstances, any public action by you as a priest increases the possibility that further criminal action could be brought against by the civil authorities . That possibility is further increased within this diocese where the nature of the allegations made against you is well known.

I have offered a programme of rehabilitation to you through which it might be possible for you to return to some form of active ministry in some years time. As I have said before , without your involvement in such a programme , I am unable to consider any form of return to active ministry anywhere.

Because of my continuing concerns for your good , the good of the priesthood and the good of the Church , I do not give you permission to preside at the funeral of REDACTED RE do I give you permission to concelebrate at her funeral.

In a recent conversation with me , you undertook to communicate to me in writing your decision in regard to the programme of rehabilitation that I proposed to you . You promised that I would have that decision by the end of My . I expect that you will adhere to that undertaking .

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

+ K. M. Manning
 Bishop of Armidale.