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Most Rev Luc Mathys
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Dear Bishop Mathys

Regarding John Joseph FARRELL

There are very few ecclesiastical people to whom I could tell my story comfortably. I feel very blessed that from your arrival in Armidale I have always felt comfortable with you. I am most grateful for your compassionate manner and help. The process we are going through together needs to be more than judicial. I need it to be a total package, including appropriate pastoral care. It is very important for me to feel heard and understood. My expectation is fully consistent with how I have described myself in the attached statement.

My statement is a background outline. I need you to read this big picture story. This will give you a good understanding of who I am. When I know that you understand me I will feel more confident as we go to the next stage, the judicial process in which we will look at my specific difficulties and outline them in my formal statement which will constitute my application for dispensation from priestly obligations.

My document is quite long (27 pages), but it is very thorough and considered. Much of the material here can be condensed and can be used to answer the questions you have already given to me as the basis of my formal statement.

Wishing you every grace and blessing.

Yours fraternally,

John Farrell