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Dear Howard

Greetings and Peace.

This note comes to thank you for your willingness to assist me in so many difficult cases that seem to crop up from time to time.

The latest one has, I must say, left me somewhat numb, given the public nature of the concern, and I am profoundly grateful to you for your willingness to see the priest so soon, and for the helpful comments you have made.

I have written to the priest and enclosed a copy of your report for his attention. I have suggested to him that early in 1999 he may look at a 30-day retreat in a place like St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, south of Sydney, where the issues of faith and its relationship to some of the matters that have been a part of his fascination could be dealt with. Perhaps some areas of self worth may need your continuing attention.

Please accept my humble thanks to you for your assistant in this matter.

With every blessing, good wishes and prayers.

Yours sincerely

+Roger Herft
Bishop of Newcastle