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The Right Reverend Robert Beal

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Dear +Robert

Greetings and Peace.

This note comes to thank you for the assistance you offered in the difficult matter which came to light in the removal from Maitland.

I am enclosing a copy of a report I received from Dr Howard Johnson for your confidential attention, together with my recent letter to Dr Johnson.

It would be helpful, I believe, for Fr Peter to receive your advice on the 30-day retreat, and whether or not St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, would be the best place for him to do such a retreat.

With every blessing, good wishes and prayers.

It would be most helpful

Yours sincerely

+Roger Herft
Bishop of Newcastle

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