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Dear Ian

Greetings and Peace.

Thank you for the opportunity of meeting with you and I am grateful to you for your courage and willingness in putting yourself through the postulant period so that the diocese could discern whether ordination was a vocation you needed to pursue.

As I indicated to you, the Examining Chaplains have recommended that you do not proceed to ordination in this diocese and after discussion with them and my own reflection and prayer I concur with their recommendation.

I know that this decision has come to you with a degree of shock and disappointment.

I note you are planning to complete a computer programming job in Sydney and I hope that it is a success.

Please be assured of our prayers for you during this difficult time. Every Blessing.

Yours sincerely

+Roger Herft
Bishop of Newcastle

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