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The Reverend John Elliot

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Dear John

I have been informed of the fact that you have been charged with 38 offences and are to appear before the Brisbane Magistrate's Court on 25 July.

In the light of this information, I must require you to return your authority to officiate licence until such time as this matter has been resolved. In the event of you pleading guilty to any of the charges, you understand that I will have no option but to revoke the licence.

All of this means, of course, that you must not exercise any ministry as a priest until the charges have been determined by the Court.

You will understand, I am sure, how much it grieves me to write to you in these terms.

Yours sincerely



The Right Reverend Richard Appleby
Bishop Administrator