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UNDER REV JG NESTOR
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CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Bishop Ingham,

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith received your correspondence regarding the case of the **Rev. John Gerard NESTOR**, a priest incardinated in the Wollongong diocese, who has been accused of numerous instances of sexual abuse of minors.

This Dicastery, after a careful and attentive study of the facts presented, and in light of the faculty granted to this Congregation by the Supreme Pontiff to dispense from Article 17 of the *motu proprio Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela* requiring a penal judicial process, decided, on 26 September 2008 to request that the above mentioned priest be dismissed from the clerical state *ex officio et in poenam*.

On 17 October 2008, the Holy Father decreed that the Rev. John Gerard Nestor is dismissed *ex officio et in poenam* from the clerical state, and is, moreover, released from all obligations of the Sacred Priesthood, including that of celibacy. Any censures, under which he may be labouring, are remitted by this decree.

You are kindly asked to inform Mr. Nestor of this grave decision according to paragraph 7 of the enclosed decree. A signed and notarized copy of the decree should be returned to this Dicastery at your earliest possible convenience.

With fraternal regards and prayerful best wishes, I remain

Yours devotedly in the Lord,

✠ Luis F. LADARIA, S.J.
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(Enclosures)

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