



Most Rev Peter William Ingham DD
Bishop of Wollongong

DECREE

PWI:mh/815005

Given at Wollongong

On this twenty-seventh day of August in the year 2008

I have received information which appears to indicate that serious offences against Church law may have been committed by Rev John Gerard Nestor, a priest of the Diocese of Wollongong.

Due to the seriousness of this information and in virtue of canon 1717, I have decreed that the preliminary investigation of a penal process be opened.

With this decree I appoint you, Rev Greg Homeming OCD, as auditor for the *Preliminary Investigation* in relation to the allegations brought against Father John Nestor.

You are to conduct, on my behalf, an appropriate investigation of the facts and circumstances of this matter and the related question of Father John Nestor's imputability in accord with the norm of law.

In conducting this investigation you are to be careful to respect and protect the good name of all involved.

I ask that you conduct this investigation in a thorough and timely manner.

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Rev Ron Peters DEAN
 NOTARY