

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO

From: Fr Robert Flaherty, Priest in Residence: Clemton Park
To: Moya Hanlen olsh
Regarding: Fr John Nestor
Date: 15.12.2006

This afternoon, Fr Robert Flaherty, Priest in Residence at St Berndaette's Parish, Clemton Park, telephoned. He asked to speak with Bishop Peter Ingham but as Bishop Peter was unavailable, he spoke with me.

Fr Flaherty wished to explain about the ministry of Fr Nestor in the Parish. He stated that:

1. Fr Nestor's mother is in the Parish and Fr Flaherty takes her Holy Communion. Occasionally, this coincides with a visit of Fr Nestor.
2. Fr Flaherty's ministry includes celebrating Mass at an Aged Care Facility in the Parish.
3. When Fr Flaherty took annual leave some months ago, Fr Nestor replaced him in this ministry and celebrated Mass on "about three occasions" in the Aged Care Facility.
4. Because the residents were aged, "eighty-five years and older," Fr Flaherty – and presumably Fr Nestor, did not judge that this was in breach of any instructions given to Fr Nestor by the Bishop.
5. Fr Flaherty has been contacted by Fr John Usher, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Sydney, and officially informed that Fr Nestor does not have faculties to exercise any public ministry as a priest.

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