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Sent by email: 24.03.06

Dear John

Thank you for your email to inform me of your return to Australia. Welcome home!

You are aware, John, that your case is presently before the Apostolic Signatura and both you and I await its decision.

You are also aware that in a Decree dated 22 April 2002, the Signatura suspended the Decree of the Congregation for the Clergy which means that the Decree of the Bishop of Wollongong of 7 August 1998 remains in force. By this latter Decree you are "restricted from celebrating the liturgy publicly ... This restriction applies to all places within and without the Diocese ... [You] may apply for dispensations from this Decree for grave reasons". I am sure you understand the implications of this Decree, John: pending the resolution of your case, I am unable to give you an appointment or allow you to celebrate the liturgy publicly. This is your canonical status at present.

In relation to your accommodation and living arrangements, I have delegated Mr Tony Abela, the Diocesan Financial Administrator, to contact you. Tony will also arrange for a cheque to cover your relocation costs of \$1450 USD.

I have spoken with Fr Michael Williams, Clergy Remuneration Fund, in relation to your health cover. Michael advises that he will attend to the matter next week.

In terms of your file, it is my understanding that you have copies of my correspondence and that of Fr Bryan Jones and Bishop Wilson with you. That correspondence also includes any other relevant documents.

I wish you all the blessings of this Season of Grace.

Yours fraternally

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Most Rev Peter W Ingham DD
 BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG