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Dear Bishop Vasa

Thank you for your letter of 1 September 2005 concerning Fr John Nestor, a priest of this Diocese. An incredible sequence of events following my Retreat has delayed my response.

The matters you have raised are legitimate and we have been, for some considerable time, seeking to get Fr Nestor to return to Australia to follow the directions my predecessor and I have asked him to fulfil.

I recognise the problem of Fr John being not attached anywhere and having no supervision. I have written three times to the Signatura seeking when the case may be resolved. I consider the unbelievable delay is unjust both to Fr Nestor and to our Diocese.

Any decision we make regarding your request needs to be made thoroughly. I am making contact with Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith seeking advice now within its competence as well as further enquiries of our own Professional Standards consultative bodies on this issue. I have prepared a file of relevant documents to inform you more fully of the situation.

With fraternal good wishes

Yours sincerely

Most Rev Peter W Ingham DD
 BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG

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