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Dear Bishop Ingham,

Thank you for your letter of September 17, 2004, in which you reply to my formal request, dated August 20 2004, requesting that you grant me the usual *celebret*.

I note your distress that the matter has not been yet determined by the Apostolic Signatura. In fact the Congregation for Clergy, in both its Decree, and in the rejection of the Diocese's appeal, noted the delays occasioned by your predecessor. I again remind you of your escalation of this matter by your letter to Bishop Jenky of June 11, 2002, and the fact that this pointless appeal could have been stopped, and could be stopped, at any time by yourself. The cause for distress seems to be heavily on the side of myself, my family, and so many other of the faithful both in Australia and the United States, all victims of this whole unfortunate action by your predecessor and yourself.

However, I now formally request that you reconsider your decision to not grant me the usual *celebret*, which appears to be the decision conveyed in your letter of September 17, 2004. In support of this request, I note the following:

The finding of the Congregation for the Clergy of December 21st, 2000 as to the nullity of Bishop Wilson's Decree of August 7th, 1998 due to the latter's lack of compliance *de procedendo*, and *de decernendo* "in that it lacked basis in law and in fact"; along with the rejection of the Diocesan Administrator's Appeal on this matter, which raised no new issues relative to me. You will also be aware of the restricted nature of the Apostolic Signatura's temporary execution of one part of the Congregation's Decree, dated April 22, 2002.

All matters relative to my actions prior to December 21st, 2000, have been determined in my favor by competent authority (both Church and state); and no matter has been raised since December 21st, 2000, which would in any way suggest cause for not granting this request.

I again ask your indulgence in replying by email as well as the postal service.

Yours sincerely in Our Lord,



Father J G Nestor.