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Dear Bishop Ingham,

Greetings and best wishes from Kansas City in Kansas. I write you about a very delicate matter and I trust you will understand why I need your advice.

Over the last few months I have received a number of requests to utilize the services of Fr. John Nestor. I understand a few things about his situation. For instance, that there was an allegation made against him although I am not sure it was ever pursued or not. I was also informed that the Signature in Rome had considered the case and didn't seem to find a major objection. However, what is even more important is the position of his bishop. And that is why I write to Your Excellency.

I am not sure how it is in Australia but I know in our country the media has been merciless in this whole question of allegations and crimes of sexual abuse. I don't need to take on board a priest about whom the media could dig up some dirt or question his moral character. And so I wonder, Brother Bishop, what is your position in the matter and what advice can you give me.

Thank you so much for considering this and I don't want to impose on you but I am not going to do anything until I find out what you would suggest to me. His first obligation is to his own bishop and his own diocese and I will not, for one minute, interfere with that. God bless you.

Sincerely,

+ Jim

Archbishop James Patrick Keleher
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