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January 13th, 2001

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Dear Bishop Wilson,

Thank you for your letter of January 10th, 2001.

1. Your second paragraph list options available to you in regard to the Decree from the Congregation for Clergy of December 21st, 2000. One option you do not seem to have considered, is its execution.
2. In regard to your third paragraph, I would have thought that you might have attempted to correct the mistakes of Canon law, breaches of natural justice and other errors attributed to you in the Decree, rather than leave them for the new Diocesan Administrator.
3. Your last paragraph says that "...my hospital stay and sick leave were the only reasons why I haven't written to you since the decree was originally faxed here on 22 December." (sic) You have perhaps forgotten that your visit to the hospital began on the afternoon of December 31st, 2000, ten days (or nine, according to your calculation) after you received the Decree. Further, in this letter, you neither accept the Decree, nor do you propose any action in regard to the various imperatives of the Decree.
4. I note that you have had no retraction printed in the Illawarra Mercury regarding the defamatory material claiming I had refused to cooperate in a Church enquiry, attributed to you, in the article published by that newspaper on Friday January 5th, 2001. I find your inaction particularly surprising, considering the recent findings of the Congregation for Clergy.
5. While, as you have stated, responsibility for execution of the Decree will soon pass to the new Diocesan Administrator, responsibility in Canon law for offences which might be found to have arisen from matters listed in the Decree, remains with you. I am sure you are aware of this fact.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely in Our Lord,



Father J G Nestor.

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