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Dear Fr Nestor,

Thank you for your letter of 24 December 2000 addressed to Bishop Wilson and concerning the Decree of the *Congregatio pro Clericis* of 21 December 2000.

I am writing to you for a number of reasons.

Firstly, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter, and to inform you that it arrived at this office today, 2 January 2001.

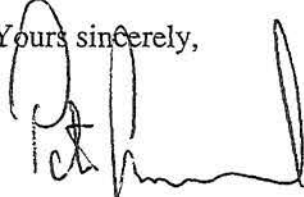
Secondly, as you may be aware, Bishop Wilson was admitted to hospital over the weekend. It is not known when he will return to the office.

Thirdly, Bishop Wilson, as Diocesan Administrator, received a facsimile of the Decree on 21 December 2000. However, the original, plus any other documentation that may possibly accompany it, has yet to arrive. His Excellency, Most Rev Francesco Canalini, Apostolic Nuncio in Australia, has advised that no action be taken with regard to the Decree until such time as the Diocesan Administrator has received the original.

Fourthly, in accordance with canon 1734 §§1&2 (CIC/83), the Diocesan Administrator has ten (10) canonical days in which to consider the Decree and, if he so decides, to take recourse with the author of the Decree, in this case the *Congregatio pro Clericis*, with regard to the revocation or amendment of it.

Therefore, until such time as due canonical process has occurred, the Decree issued by Bishop Wilson on 7 August 1998 still stands.

Yours sincerely,



Fr Peter A Comensoli
Chancellor