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8th October, 1999

Most Rev P Wilson DD JCL
Bishop of Wollongong
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Dear Bishop Wilson,

Thank you for your letter of 6th October 1999, which acknowledges receipt of my letters to you of 22nd August, 22nd September and 25th September, 1999. I notice that you have not yet responded to my suggestion, conveyed in each of my letters, to nominate specific solutions to the unresolved issues in my recourse.

I welcome your agreement to now engage in dialogue, in an attempt to resolve the outstanding matters in my recourse to the Congregation for Clergy, as requested by them on 12th August, 1999. Unfortunately, I note that you will now be absent from the diocese until 2nd November, 1999.

I believe that in a frank conversation, an agreement can be speedily achieved. In fact, you may recall that in my letter of 23rd August 1998, I regretted the lack of communication, and suggested we have a meeting, but received no response. I now believe that the meeting between us, to which you have now agreed, can completely resolve this matter without further correspondence or process.

However, I note that your letter specifically asks me for my ideas, as to the process by which the outstanding matters of my recourse, might be brought to mutual agreement. So, at your request, I respectfully suggest that the process have three parts, namely:

1. That prior to the meeting between the two of us, you might be so good as to formally rescind your two decrees of 7th August 1998, so as to remove any possible doubt as to my right to engage in public priestly ministry; and that this be conveyed to the priests of the diocese.
2. That at our meeting, hopefully in early November 1999, we discuss a suitable parish appointment. Also, since a number of media releases/appearances by the Diocese since 1996 have impugned my good name, that we agree on a first draft of a media release to correct this situation. Any other matters of concern could be raised at this time.

3. That by 30th November, 1999, we agree on a definitive media release, and I take up my parish appointment as determined by you.

In this way, the mutual accord requested by the Congregation for Clergy in the matters of my recourse, could be reached by the required date, in spite of the considerable delays.

Perhaps your Secretary could telephone me at the above number, in order to arrange for the meeting between the two of us, at a time convenient to yourself.

Yours Sincerely in Our Lord,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr J G Nestor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Father John G Nestor