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Rev J Nestor

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Dear Fr Nestor

I thank you for your letter of 22 August, 22 September and 25 September 1999. I confirm that I did not respond to your earliest letter as I had received a letter a few days later from your solicitors, Messrs Walter Madden Jenkins.

On 15 September 1999 I responded to that letter through my solicitors, Makinson & d'Apice, and had assumed that a copy of that response would have been forwarded to you. A copy of that response is enclosed for your information.

I note that you have withdrawn instructions to your solicitors. Again, for your information, I enclose a copy of subsequent letters which have passed between Messrs Walter Madden Jenkins and my solicitors.

John, I am happy to try to resolve this situation through a process of dialogue. I have thought about it a great deal and I think that the process should begin with a personal meeting between the two of us. The rest of the process can move from that point.

However, in the spirit of dialogue, I ask for your opinion and suggestions about the process. I will be on leave until 2 November 1999. You could let me know, by then, of your ideas and we could then set the date for the meeting.

John, I also have to inform you that I sent your solicitors' letter to the Congregation for the Clergy seeking advice. I shall inform them of these new developments as soon as possible.

With every best wish

Yours sincerely

+ Philip Wilson .

Most Rev P Wilson DD JCL
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG

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Copy: Mr W d'Apice