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December 30th, 1999

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Dear Bishop Wilson,

Thank you for your letter of December 22nd, 1999, with which you enclosed an informative brochure and explanation of a system of "community conference".

You may recall that the period of dialogue directed by the Congregation for Clergy in mid August 1999, expired on November 30th. You may also recall that, during that period, I made every effort to initiate dialogue, to no avail, until a few days before that expiry date. At the meeting on November 27th, 1999, you made no concession, we agreed that no negotiated solution was possible, and agreed that the matter be referred to the Congregation for Clergy for its decision..

You might also recall that just prior to that meeting- in the period set aside by the Congregation for Clergy for dialogue aimed at normalization of my priestly life and *restoration of my good name*- an article appeared in the Illawarra Mercury, directly attributing to you, quotations defamatory of me.

Given these facts and others drawn to your attention in writing over the last two years, it would be unrealistic to expect that any "community conference" would have any hope of success.

In addition, it would be completely inappropriate to embark on any civil law remedy, while the Congregation for Clergy is coming to its decision.

For these reasons, I cannot agree with the proposal you have made concerning a "community conference".

May I take this opportunity of wishing you every blessing for this Jubilee year.

Yours faithfully,

*Fr J G Nestor*  
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