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Rev J Nestor

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Dear Fr Nestor

Thank you for your letter of 17 November 1997. Thank you for your willingness to stand aside from public ministry at present. I am especially grateful for your openness to a personal request by me. There are two reasons for this request:

- 1 So that I may determine the best way of fulfilling my responsibility for the welfare of the diocese;
- 2 To give me time for consultation and thought so that a fair and just process can be arranged to consider the issues.

I acknowledge that, at our meeting, you requested excommunication from the Diocese of Wollongong. I am not opposed to the request but believe it cannot be acted upon until the evaluation is complete.

I would be grateful if you could provide me with an *aide-memoire* of the issues you mentioned to me that raised serious questions of corruption in the diocese concerned with your arrest and trial. I want to pursue those thoroughly as a separate matter to the issues concerned with your return to ministry.

Finally, if there is anything you need, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

+ Philip Wilson .

Most Rev P Wilson DD JCL
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG

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