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*Most Rev Philip Wilson DD JCL
Bishop of Wollongong*

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PW/lr/21561

22 January 1998

Rev J G Nestor

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Dear Fr Nestor

A person who attended Mass at St Thomas More Church, Ruse, at 8.00 am on Sunday, 18 January 1998, has reported to me today, that you celebrated the Mass and preached the homily. You know that this directly contravenes my direction that you stand aside from public ministry. This request has been reinforced by the fact that you are now the subject of an assessment under the guidelines of *Towards Healing*.

Since you have decided to exercise public ministry, I now enact this decree under your obedience to me as your diocesan bishop: *C.273 - Clerics are bound by a special obligation to show reverence and obedience to the Supreme Pontiff and to their own ordinary.*

Rev J G Nestor

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You are to cease functioning publicly as a priest in any place until I give you permission to do so. This decree obliges your obedience to me as diocesan bishop, C.273. The reasons for this decree are:

- 1 To fulfil the requirements of *Towards Healing* which was authorised by the Bishops of Australia as a commitment to all the faithful.
- 2 To protect the common good of our local church.

I also warn you that any disregard for the instructions of this decree will cause me to initiate the process to suspend you formally from the sacred ministry. I hope and pray that your complete conformity with this decree will make such action unnecessary.

Yours sincerely

+ Philip Wilson.

Most Rev P Wilson DD JCL
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG

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