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17 April 1998

Most Rev Philip Wilson D.D., J.C.L.
 Bishop of Wollongong
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Dear Bishop Philip,

I write as Advocate for Fr John Nestor to seek a final resolution to his intolerable situation.

Fr John is now in his fifth month of virtual suspension. He has not been informed of any charges against him and yet the punishment and isolation continues to torment him to the point of total frustration and natural disillusionment with the administration of justice in the Catholic Church. Basic natural justice has been denied him in that he does not even know his accuser, or if indeed there is an accuser or this is merely a witch-hunt.

Justice delayed is justice denied. Fr John has had no contact from the assessors during these five months of so-called investigation. I have made contact with you, with John Davoren on several occasions and sought the assistance of Fr David Cappo twice to bring the matter to a conclusion. John Davoren assured me that it appeared that Fr John Nestor would not have to be interviewed. You have told Bishop De Campo that he would have to be interviewed by the assessors and still we find ourselves in a stalemate.

Since you have initiated the process, it is clearly in your hands to bring it to a conclusion and allow Fr John to return to active ministry. As the process is clearly flawed and doing psychological damage to Fr Nestor, I believe you have a moral obligation to override the injustices meted out to him by ineffectual assessors as soon as possible. I request that you do so immediately. I await your affirmative response to this request. Failing such a response, I feel it is incumbent on me to have recourse to the Holy See on Fr John's behalf.

Part of such processes should be some assistance from the Diocese. I am not sure if you are aware that the first case cost Fr John over \$75,000 for legal fees.

I have two addresses on this letterhead, as I will be in Broken Hill relieving from April 17 to April 31.

Yours faithfully,



Father Kevin Matthews
 Advocate for Fr John Nestor

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