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Rev K Matthews
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Dear Fr Matthews

I enclose the decree of my decision for Fr John Nestor. This is in line with the instructions of Fr Nestor, by letter, that my future contact with him in these matters should be through you, his canonical advisor.

If you want to have a meeting about this, I would be happy to see you and Fr Nestor, or you as his advocate. I would also be willing to pay your travel expenses to come to the meeting.

You mentioned in your letter of 24 July 1998 that you are considering taking recourse to the Congregation of the Clergy. If you think it is necessary, then I encourage you to do so. It is also possible for Fr Nestor to seek a review of process as outlined in Section 8 of *Towards Healing*.

I also enclose a proposed decree to establish a diocesan canonical commission to investigate the allegations that Fr Nestor was the target of a conspiracy to discredit him. I will appoint three canon lawyers to carry out this investigation. Would Fr Nestor care to nominate some canon lawyers who could be considered for membership of the commission? Would he care to nominate people who should be interviewed by the commission?

It has also been reported to me that Fr Nestor has left his residence in Campbelltown, gone to Sydney and taken up secular employment. Has this been done in conformity with cc. 283,1; 286? Did Fr Nestor presume he had my permission to do this?

Thank you for your help to Fr Nestor in this matter. I repeat my commitment to continue to support Fr Nestor financially and offering him the help that I can.

Yours sincerely

+ Philip Wilson

Most Rev P Wilson DD JCL
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG

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