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Rev M O'Keefe PP
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Dear Fr O'Keefe

Reports have reached me that Fr John Nestor has celebrated Mass publicly in your parish church. This was in direct opposition to a legitimate decree from me, his diocesan bishop.

If he has celebrated Mass in your parish with your knowledge, you are also in a serious position. Therefore, I want your assurance that this will not happen again. I also request you to explain to your Sunday Mass congregations that Fr Nestor's appearance at Mass was against my decision and that I apologise to them for any hurt or confusion. Therefore I instruct you, under canonical obedience, to read the enclosed message before the homily at every Sunday Mass on the weekend of 12 and 13 September 1998.

Yours sincerely

+ *Philip Wilson*

Most Rev P Wilson DD JCL
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG