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Rev J G Nestor

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Dear John,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of June 10th in which you apply for permission to undertake secular employment.

I feel John that I am not in a position to give this permission because Canon 428 of the Code of Canon Law states that in regard to the office of Diocesan Administrator, no innovation is to be made while the See is vacant. It seems to me that if I were to approve your request, it would be a major innovation, as I do not think any such permission has been given before in the Diocese. I am reluctant to approve something which could be seen, in the future, as a precedent.

I appreciate and respect the reasons you put forward in regard to your financial needs and in regard to the benefits to your well being of having something like this to occupy your time.

I will make arrangements for car allowance to be forwarded to you as it is for other priests of the Diocese and I will discuss with Father Mark O'Keefe the question of reimbursement for expenses incurred in relation to your food and lodging.

Once again with my good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Rev P J Ryan PP
Diocesan Administrator.