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Dear John,

I have received notification of your acceptance of the invitation to the Episcopal Ordination of Monsignor Philip Wilson and your intention to concelebrate the Mass. Taking all circumstances into consideration, I need to remind you that you have been relieved of your public priestly duties until such time as the matter that is now under investigation is determined.

This event will be subject to intense media scrutiny. It would not be in your interests if some media representative were to take notice of your presence as a concelebrant and seek to use that either against you or the Bishop or the Diocese.

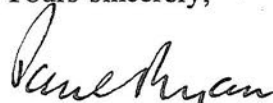
It is therefore essential, John, that you make the decision not to concelebrate at the ceremony so as to avoid any breach of church order and create an unintentional problem for Bishop Wilson and the Ordaining Prelate, His Eminence, Cardinal Clancy.

My actions in advising you in this way are not intended to pre-empt the outcome of the judicial process in which you are involved. It is, however, common procedure in any walk of life that when an investigation is under way, the person or persons concerned stand aside from public duties until the matter is determined.

John, I feel confident of your co-operation in this matter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Rev P J Ryan PP
Diocesan Administrator.