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Dear Mark

Thank you for your letter of 27 January 2004 in relation to your friend, our priest, Fr John Nestor.

The Clergy Remuneration Board, acting in accord with the statutes of the Constitution of the Financial System for Clergy (para 8.4), rightly requested his status concerning his remuneration. I was not aware that his non-reply had led the Board to proceed to cancel his entitlements. This soon brought his response and, on the basis of his explanation of his situation, I instructed the Board to reinstate the stipend. At no time did John's other entitlements (motor vehicle and superannuation) from the Diocese cease.

As I informed John recently, his whole issue is before the Apostolic Signatura and that is where it will be resolved. Thank for your offer to talk. However, I believe it would not be proper to discuss John's sensitive issue, which at this stage is sub judice.

With warm fraternal greetings

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter W Ingham', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Most Rev Peter W Ingham DD
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG