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Dear Phillip,

Thank you for your letter of 9 January 2001 and the enclosed copy of the documentation which you have received from Rome. It certainly does have implications for the whole of Australia and I appreciate receiving this copy.

Clearly it is not easy to offer any advice as it is difficult to know how to proceed. If conscience and perhaps civil law are in conflict with the decree, you deserve the support of your brother Bishops.

Perhaps the whole situation needs to be summarized by yourself and considered by a group of "hard headed" and well informed people to consider the next step. I am of course willing to lend whatever assistance I can and also offer the support of my prayer.

With every best wish and personal regards.
 Yours sincerely in Christ,

† Francis P Carroll
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