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MEMORANDUM

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From: Fr P A Comensoli, Chancellor

Subject: FR JOHN NESTOR


Bishop Wilson recently received notification via facsimile that the Congregation for Clergy have issued a Decree concerning the status of Fr John Nestor. His Excellency, Archbishop Francesco Canalini, Apostolic Nuncio in Australia, has advised him to take no action until such time as he receives the Decree itself.

However, knowledge of the Decree has reached the public forum, and a news story concerning it will appear in the Illawarra Mercury tomorrow, Friday, 5 January.

For your information, the Decree will state that: "the Rev. Nestor is to be restored immediately to the full exercise of his priestly ministry in the Diocese of Wollongong and restitution is to be made of that of which he was deprived in keeping with the Diocesan norms for remuneration of Clergy and canon 128".

It is not known if the media is aware of this precise information.

Given the assistance and advice you have offered to him concerning Fr Nestor, the Bishop has asked that I let you know of this development before it is made public.



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