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From: Father J G Nestor [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 February 2004 8:15 AM
To: Bishop Peter Ingham
Subject: From Fr John Nestor

Dear Bishop Ingham,

Thank you for your letter of January 27th and attachments. I hope this matter can be resolved quickly so that we can both move on. I appreciate your attempt to provide a more realistic picture to Bishop Keleher. Also I am grateful that my living allowance has been restored. I am not sure of the status of the car allowance paid to me until September 30th, 2003.

I want to trouble you with one other matter. I have even recently celebrated marriages of University students in the diocese of Peoria, with no objection from the Bishop, by the normal delegation of the pastor concerned. Two students had asked me to do so in the home parish of the bride, on May 22nd, in the Archdiocese of Chicago; I am now informed by the groom that the pastor of that parish is glad to give me delegation to celebrate the marriage in his parish, but that the Archdiocese of Chicago also requires that priests from outside that diocese, have a letter stating

that they are in good standing in their home diocese.

I am sure it would be a great disappointment to the couple- who I have know well for three years- if I were not to do the wedding. Are you able to provide a letter to this effect- nuanced if necessary- so that I can celebrate this wedding? Would you be so good as to let me know by email if you are able to provide that letter? If you are able, I can send back a suitable fax number to receive the actual letter.
 With every good wish,

Father John Nestor