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Mr F Derriman
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Dear Frank

I write to you as one of the priests ordained for the Archdiocese of Brisbane but who, for various reasons, decided to leave active ministry. According to the records, you have never sought to return formally to the lay state. I'm contacting each man to see if he desires to start a process to do so by being dispensed from the obligations of the clerical state. The Vatican has realised that it is better for the common good to have situations such as yours regularised.

Frank before I begin this process, I invite you to confirm in writing to me whether you are willing to initiate this process yourself. If you do not wish to initiate this process, I shall ask the Holy Father, through the Congregation for Doctrine of Faith, to begin the process of a formal return to the lay state.

If you have any questions about this process, you are welcome to contact Dr Adrian Farrelly, Chancellor of the Archdiocese yourself on 07 3336 9130 or email farrellya@bne.catholic.net.au.

If I have not heard from you by 1 November 2011, I shall commence the process for requesting the dispensations from the Holy Father.

I am conscious that you no longer have the faculties of the Archdiocese to function as a priest.

Sincerely in Christ

ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

cc Very Rev Dr A Farrelly,
Chancellor of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane