

7 July 1993

Most Reverend T F Little  
Archbishop of Melbourne

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Your Grace,

I write to advise you formally of the fact which I mentioned to you in conversation at your home that a priest of the Diocese of Ballarat, Father BPB [REDACTED], is at present residing with his parents in REDACTED. His address is REDACTED

REDACTED Father BPB [REDACTED] has been advised by me that he does not have any faculties or priestly ministry in this Diocese at the present time and that he may celebrate Mass privately in circumstances which could not lead anyone to conclude that he has any current priestly appointment.

The local Police at REDACTED have initiated some enquiries into Father BPB [REDACTED]'s behaviour as a result of a complaint which has been made against him. This complaint, whilst obviously serious, is of such a nature that it is not certain that the Police will proceed to take the matter to Court. But this is clearly something which is outside our control and we simply have to await the decision of the local Police. In the meantime, Father BPB [REDACTED] has been undergoing counselling from Father Dan Torpy and I have advised him that this counselling is to continue. In fact he is perfectly happy that it do so.

I felt the need to mention the presence of Father BPB [REDACTED] in your Diocese and you might like to consider whether you feel that you should advise appropriate clergy in his area that he is not available for any priestly activities. I have in fact told him clearly that he may not undertake any supply work if asked. I expect him to comply with my instructions but felt that you should know of the circumstances of this case.

With kind regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Ballarat