

25 June 1993

Father Glynn Murphy
Convenor
Special Issues Committee
5 Lyons Street South
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Dear Father Murphy,

RE: FR. PAUL DAVID RYAN

Thank you for your letter of June 17th and the recommendations of the Special Issues Committee in relation to the situation of Father Paul David Ryan.

As you correctly understood, I have advised Father Ryan that he does not have the faculties of this Diocese and has permission only to celebrate Mass privately provided that this is in such circumstances as could not be misunderstood as indicating that he has any priestly appointment.

I note that the Special Issues Committee recommends that Father Paul David Ryan be requested to submit to an initial interview as required in the Draft Protocol for dealing with these matters. Unfortunately, I learnt after receiving your letter of June 17th that Father Ryan had in fact left the Ararat Presbytery on that same date and flown to Perth. He was not in touch with me beforehand to let me know of the timing of his move to Western Australia.

In these circumstances, I have written to Father Ryan care of the Ararat Presbytery in the hope that Father Davey will have a forwarding address. I mention in my letter that the Special Issues Committee would wish to interview him when possible and, as you will recall, I suggested that you might like to follow up my letter with a statement from the Special Issues Committee indicating the nature and purpose of such an interview. I attach a copy of my letter to Father Ryan for your own information and again express my gratitude to the Special Issues Committee for their recommendations in this case.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Ballarat