

**SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR LETTER FROM VICAR GENERAL
TO FR. P.D. RYAN**

Marked: CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Paul David,

This letter has become necessary as you did not keep your appointment with members of the Special Issues Committee last Tuesday, October 5, at 11 a.m. Your situation within the Diocese and your future are matters upon which Bishop Mulkearns has specifically asked the advice of the Special Issues Committee. In fairness to you and to all concerned this advice cannot be as complete as possible without input from you. This is the purpose of the required interview.

Consequently, on behalf of Bishop Mulkearns I now require that you contact me by 5 p.m., Friday October 15 (this coming Friday) so that I can inform you of the date, time and location of your interview.

If you have not contacted me by that time, or subsequently if you fail to attend your interview, I will have no choice other than to enact a penal sanction (Canon 1319 and related Canons) as described in Section 9.4 of the Diocesan Protocol now in force. That sanction will take the form of a suspension of your financial stipend.

I am confident that you will see the need and the sense of an interview and that you will find that it is not so much an ordeal as a necessary opportunity for communication at a Diocesan level. This communication cannot be put off any longer.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Brian V. Finnigan,
VICAR GENERAL,
DIOCESE OF BALLARAT.