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Most Reverend Walter Sullivan,  
 Bishop of Richmond  
Virginia

Dear Bishop Sullivan,

Re: Father Paul Ryan

On the way to Rome for an "ad limina" visit, I have taken the opportunity to spend some time in Washington with Fr. Paul Ryan, a priest of my diocese who has been studying here for the past eighteen months.

As you will be aware, Paul has spent the summer in the Parish of Star of the Sea, Virginia Beach, and I am grateful to you for giving him the opportunity for some pastoral experience. He has told me that Father Paul Gaughan, the Pastor of Star of the Sea, has expressed the wish for him to continue to work in the parish a little longer in view of some liturgical programs which they have been endeavoring to implement.

For my part, I would be happy for Paul to remain at Virginia Beach until the New Year, when I would expect him to be available for an appointment in the Diocese of Ballarat. Hence I write now to say that Paul has my permission to remain at Virginia Beach for the rest of the year should you be happy for him to do so. The time there has been valuable for him, and I am hopeful that some extra time will enable him to make some further contribution to the Parish.

I thank you again for your kindness to Paul,

With kind regards and all good wishes

Yours sincerely in Christ

Most Rev. Ronald A. Mulkearns  
Bishop of Ballarat, Australia