



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

Bishop's Office



27 February 2004

The Cardinal Prefect
The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Vatican City
ROME

Your Eminence

I make formal application for Dismissal from the Clerical State for Reverend Michael Joseph McArdle, a Priest of the Diocese of Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia.

I believe that it would be in the best interests of the Diocese of Rockhampton that this request be granted as soon as possible.

The enclosed documentation supports this application in view of the scandal that has come to the Diocese, because of the grave misconduct of the above named Priest.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Heenan".

Brian Heenan
Bishop of Rockhampton