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Dear Vic,

Recently the Holy See has made available a simple procedure by which those who have been away from the priesthood for a number of years might be granted a dispensation from all of the obligations arising from ordination, including that of celibacy.

I now write to you to advise of this possibility, and to let you know that I propose to apply to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for recommendation to the Holy Father that a dispensation be granted to you. I do this solely based on the time you have been away from the priesthood, and wishing peace of mind and spirit to you and to all concerned.

I invite you to respond to my letter, and if you have been through a form of marriage, a copy of your marriage certificate would be helpful in making the application. Similarly if you choose to respond, it would be best if I were to receive your answer by letter within a month of you receiving my letter.

Assuring you of my sincere wishes and prayers for your welfare,

Yours fraternally in Christ,

ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE