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Dear Fr. Ron,

Thank you for your letter of the 18 June. I was thrilled to hear from you and to know that you were settling down after a period of great distress.

It is obviously very difficult to leave anywhere after 36 years and especially to leave the Archdiocese of Melbourne to which you had such strong ties. I assume that the normal course of things would have taken place in your appointment as a Pastor Emeritus, but I know that the Archbishop and others were distressed by points that you had made in a parish newsletter, and the situation that was caused by your early departure as Administrator of the parish, which left responsible lay co-operators vulnerable.

These two areas have given the Archbishop cause to delay taking your name for appointment as a Pastor Emeritus to the Personnel Advisory Board.

However, the Archbishop has specifically requested that the Priests' Retirement Foundation should regard you as qualifying for receipt of those monies which would normally be granted to Pastores Emeriti.

I enclose a copy of a letter I received this day from the Secretary of the P.R.F. and recommend that you write directly to Fr. Beasley and discuss the matters that he has raised in his letter.

I do hope that you have enjoyed your time with the monks in Kent and that this time has provided you with the opportunity for recollection, reparation and re-ordering of lifestyle for the years to come.

With every best wish,

Yours sincerely,



Rev. Monsignor G.A. Cudmore
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