

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION



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Dear Gerry,

The Foundation has accepted the Archbishop's request that Fr. Ronald Pickering, the recently retired pastor of Gardenvale, receive entitlements "as if he was a P.E".

I understand that Father Pickering is in England; we do not have his address, so you may feel free to send him a copy of this letter.

It is not possible to provide as many entitlements to priests who choose to retire overseas, as it is to those living in Victoria.

We could provide for Ron's "Board and Lodging" expenses at an appropriate rate. Like all "P.E's" he would not receive this personally; it would be paid to a nominated caregiver or institution.

It is not possible to provide Hospital Insurance Cover for priests permanently residing overseas; neither is it possible to provide reimbursement of motor vehicle running expenses given that the rationale for this benefit in Victoria is that P.E's make themselves available for supply work in the Archdiocese.

All "P.E's" - actual or putative - are presumed to be in receipt of the relevant Social Security Benefit. I am not privy to information which would indicate whether Ron arranged any such benefit before he left Australia.

We will be happy to deal directly with Father Pickering should he provide us with an address. I hope he will at least support the Aussies in the test series.

Yours sincerely,

(Rev.) Gerard F. Beasley,
SECRETARY.