

6th June, 1998.

Reverend W Baker  
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Dear Father Baker,

I write to advise you that your six year term as Parish Priest of St James' Parish, North Richmond has expired on 4 June 1998.

On 2 April 1997 I asked the Priests Deployment Committee to present a report concerning the staffing of parishes to assist me in my responsibility as Archbishop to provide an adequate number of priests throughout the Diocese, including the new and expanding areas where there is very rapid growth. This has necessitated some re-distribution of priests so that we will be able to have an adequate number of priests to work where the people are living. One of the first recommendations which I have accepted is that Richmond and North Richmond Parishes should collaborate.

For this reason only and because of no other factor, I have decided not to re-appoint you as Parish Priest of North Richmond.

Should the Independent Commissioner recommend to me that this is appropriate, I would be prepared to consider a subsequent diocesan appointment for you.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely in Christ,



ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

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NOTARY