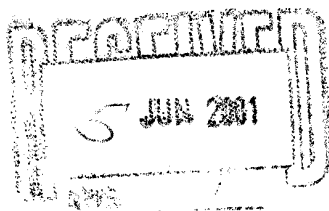




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Your Excellency,

This Congregation has received the recourse placed before this Congregation by the Rev. Peter Searson against the actions of Archbishop Pell the former Ordinary in his decree of July 17th 1998.

This Dicastery by virtue of article 136 of the *General Regulations of the Roman Curia*, hereby extends until 31st June 2001, the *fatalia legis* involved in order to reach a studied decision in the matter.

I take this opportunity to renew my sentiments of esteem and with every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Luca Vercellotti*
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