

Kew. L. Searson

10th January, 1983.

Reverend Peter L. Searson, P.P.,
 Sunbury Catholic Parish Centre,
 P.O. Box 300,
SUNBURY. Vic.

Dear Father Searson,

You kindly wrote to me on the 12th December, 1982, providing me with your assessment of the present state of things in Sunbury.

Your presentation was given adequate and sympathetic consideration in the various possibilities which opened up during the course of discussions at recent meetings of the Diocesan Consultors.

In the light of diocesan needs and available personnel, I finally came to the decision that the best interests of the Church could be served by your continuing for the present your appointment as Parish Priest of Sunbury.

In rereading at this stage your letter to me of 12th December, 1982, I note that you respectfully requested a consultation with me prior to the appointments should your submission not be acted upon. Regretfully, in the circumstances, I was unable to meet this request. The Final decisions were made at the recent meeting of the Diocesan Consultors, not allowing me nor you the convenience to meet your request.

However, you are well aware that I am always happy to see you at any time. We must both take for granted the present range of appointments. At the same time, I am pleased to discuss with you any proposals that you would see as helpful for consideration at future meetings of those who advise me on diocesan appointments. So please do not see the present situation as a slamming of the door but rather a more protracted and serene study of the situation and the possibilities by which the people of Sunbury can best be served.

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Reverend Peter L. Searson, P.P.

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With cordial greetings and best wishes,
I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE