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Rt. Rev. Monsignor Ludmore, V.G.  
Catholic Diocesan Centre  
383 Albert Street  
EAST MELBOURNE, 3002.

Dear Monsignor,

1. It is very difficult for me to write this letter. The matters you discussed with me were very serious and have left me suffering a great deal every day.
2. I find it almost impossible to remember what happened on those occasions about 35-40 years ago, but in whatever way I erred, I am full of remorse and very sorry, and sincerely apologize to those concerned for any harm I may have caused.
3. This worry I now have comes on top of another one. In early July I had the prostate operation done, and pathology tests have shown it is cancerous.
4. The thought that my ministry might soon come to an end is a terrible worry to me. As well as my Parish ministry I do a lot of work for the Italians who come to me, also from other Parishes, to have evening Masses celebrated for a relative who died in Italy. At times the church is nearly full. These people depend a lot on me because I speak Italian. The same applies to Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings. I also have seven Ethiopian marriages arranged to be celebrated. I get so many because I have celebrated three recently <sup>for these poor people,</sup> and because of their financial circumstances, there is no fee payable at all. It would really hurt me immensely if I could no longer do this work for all these people and the Italian community.
5. Therefore, I earnestly beg you to see if the people concerned might consider letting me, by withdrawing their request for my removal, do the work so dear to me and to the people. In their compassion they might understand my terrible situation, and agree to let me live the few

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remaining years of my priesthood. If not, I do not know how I can face my relatives, friends, anyone.

It will be really horrible for me to end my few remaining years of my priesthood - and of my life - in such a tragic way.

Once again, I beg that I be given a chance to live these few remaining years with some serenity - and not in suffering.

● Every day I pray for those people concerned, and also that my request be granted, especially for the sake of the people I work with and help in so many ways.

With every best wish,

Yours sincerely,

M. Fasciale.