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MOST REV. F.T. LITTLE.

Your Grace,

The following are some of the reasons why I wish to remain in the Parish of Yarraville :

1. I am most happy here, and this makes my work in looking after a large Parish with two schools, primary and secondary, easier.
2. There are still two important works to be done, namely, acquiring the property adjacent to the secondary school (very necessary for the school's expansion) and a major job (according to the gas company) of installing gas heaters in the primary school.

The Principals of both schools will be pleased if I remain here because the above works are difficult and require a lot of local knowledge and experience.

The Principal of the secondary school, Mr. Geoffrey Lane, needs my assistance to build up the school in many areas. Already, in one year as Principal, he hopes to build up the numbers which had declined from 232 to 206. Next year, 1982, as he stated at the last Board of Management meeting, he visualises the numbers to be between 275 and 280.

This comes about through his visiting all the schools in the area and establishing a post Year 10 — a continuation of the Year 10 Commercial Course. We now have great faith in the future of the school, after many problems.

Hence the need for extra room, and my assistance in the delicate negotiations of obtaining the property next to the school. He stated that government grants are possible for this purpose.

Likewise, government grants for minor works for disadvantaged schools are available, and application for same will be made for primary school gas heating.

3. The Parish Centre Project is not, now, as difficult as I envisaged earlier. The Parish Council has decided to eliminate one of the houses which will not be necessary next year ; the extra finance for the full time pastoral worker in 1982 is already being raised through the "500 Club" (Silver Circle) ; and provision was made for part-time work if finances are not sufficient. The proposed pastoral worker who is a teacher and therefore able to do emergency teaching accepted this.

Bishop O'Connell appropriately gave a qualified approval, dependent on the availability of finances. Such qualified approval I find satisfactory, and I propose to work out these matters with him with his guidance and according to what is best.

It is equally necessary for the assistant priest to do the same — be guided also by the Regional Bishop and yourself where you desire.

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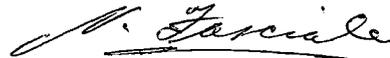
All the above matters, and others, are of great concern to me, and this is why I wish to remain in Yarraville.

If, however, they are not explained sufficiently, it would be necessary to have a consultation so that I could amplify them more, explaining more deeply the many facets and implications of the points made.

With every best wish,

I am,

Yours sincerely in Christ,



REV. N. FASCIALE.

Copy to Bishop O'Connell.