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Dear Brother Julian,

Your letter of 17th January has been referred to me by Margaret Campbell of the St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. I became Bishop of Galloway at the end of May last year and now represent the Scottish Hierarchy on the National Pastoral and Social Care Commission.

It will be very difficult for me to be of much help to you, given the lack of information regarding the matter about which you enquire. Your letter does not give any indication as to when Aiden Duggan was functioning as a priest in Scotland, nor is there any information regarding the circumstances of his incardination into the Archdiocese of Sydney. Your letter simply says that he was a Cistercian monk and indicates that he was ministering in Scotland, which seems strange as Cistercian monks normally live an enclosed life. Any information regarding these matters would be of help to me.

In the meantime I will contact the Abbot of Nunraw, which is the only Cistercian Abbey in Scotland. The only other thing I can do is to contact the other Bishops in Scotland and ask if they have any knowledge of this matter.

Looking forward to hearing further from you,

I am, in the meantime,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Cunningham".

Rt. Rev. John Cunningham
Bishop of Galloway