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Dear Monsignor Manning

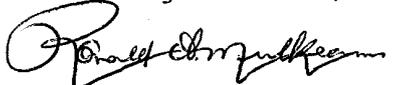
I write to bring you up to date with progress in the establishment of a Special Issues Committee in accordance with Minute number 16 of the most recent Plenary Meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. You will recall that you wrote to Bishop Connors with regard to this matter on December 13th last and he advised you that he would refer your correspondence to me.

In consultation with the other members of the Clergy and Religious Committee, I have written to invite Fathers John Usher and Brian Lucas of Sydney and Father Dan Torpy, who is currently on the staff of Corpus Christi College Clayton Victoria, to accept membership of the Special Issues Committee for the initial interim two-year period of its life. The Bishops have asked me to be the Bishop on the Committee. They have also expressed the view that Major Superiors should be given the opportunity to suggest someone who might be invited to be the fifth member of the Committee. Accordingly, contact will be made with the Major Superiors who will be having a meeting in Sydney on or about March 14th.

Assuming that the three Priests to whom I have written accept the invitation of membership, I will try to convene a meeting with them and with the Religious who will be invited to membership in March prior to the next meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. I hope that we will have something to report at that time.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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Most Rev. R.A. Mulkearns,
Chairman,
Committee for Clergy & Religious.