



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

14 September 2012

His Excellency
Gerhard Ludwig Müller
Prefect
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11
VATICAN CITY

Your Excellency,

As you will be aware, the practice of a periodic visit by the President of the Episcopal Conference to the Dicasteries of the Holy See was commenced by my predecessor, Archbishop Philip Wilson. This has proven to be a valuable opportunity and an important element in collegial dialogue between the local church and the Holy See.

Accordingly I propose to continue the practice and to visit Rome from Monday 14 January 2013 until Saturday 19 January 2013 together with the Vice-President, Archbishop Philip Wilson and the General Secretary, Fr Brian Lucas.

If it is convenient to your office may I respectfully suggest that we call at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 15 January 2013.

I would appreciate your advice that a visit would be possible then or your suggestion of an alternative time.

Issues which we would like to discuss include.....

- Processes for dealing with allegation of sexual abuse of children
- Personal Ordinariate for Former Anglicans

and I would welcome as well as an indication of any issues which you would like to discuss.

Replies could be sent by mail or, if it is more convenient to you, by email to Fr Brian Lucas gensec@catholic.org.au or fax +61 2 6247 6083. Fr Lucas will make all the necessary arrangements with your office.

With my cordial greetings,

I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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Archbishop Denis J Hart
President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference