



# Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Grant John Dalzell  
on 22/9/04. He  
will consider this  
letter  
JFC  
22/9/04

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**Mr John Ellis**

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Dear John

I have approached the Marist Fathers at Church Hill concerning the provision of a Spiritual Director for you. After some consideration I was advised by the Parish Priest, Fr Peter McMurrich SM, that the Priest he had in mind for this pastoral responsibility was not able to accept the task.

After further consideration I think it is preferable for you to approach a Priest of your choosing to provide spiritual direction to you. The Priest I approached may not be to your liking and we are back to the start.

If you have a Priest who you think can assist you, a personal approach from you may be the best way to go.

If you authorise me I would be happy to provide background information concerning the matter to the Priest of your choice.

With kind regards in Christ

**Monsignor Brian Rayner**  
Vicar General / Chancellor

**DRAFT**

MC

I prepared this as directed by Msgr BR.  
I indicated to Msgr that I was not at  
ease about it being sent w/o the OK of Carrs  
as, whilst I appreciated its intent, it could  
be taken as some sort of 'admission'  
in the Supreme Court action. Msgr did  
not want an expensive article on it.  
What do you think should be done?

JFC 21/9/04

Man,

Do you mind if I  
mention the idea of  
this letter to Corry  
sub it soon?

I don't want it  
to conflict with the  
legal approval  
being taken.

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DOR

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