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Bishop's House
Lismore, N.S.W.

24th June, 1986

Father R. Brown,
P.O. Box 25,
TWEED HEADS, N.S.W. 2485.

Dear Father Brown,

I acknowledge your letter of yesterday, 23rd June, 1986. The Decree of Removal of 20th June, 1986, will not be revoked, as the canonical process is now underway.

Your attention is drawn to canon 1747, paragraph 1: "A parish priest who has been removed must abstain from exercising the function of a parish priest, leave the parochial house free as soon as possible, and hand over everything pertaining to the parish to the person to whom the Bishop has entrusted it." This canon applies during any appeal which might be pending.

In accordance with your request for an appeal against the Decree of Removal, I shall forward your appeal and the Acts of the case through the Apostolic Nunciature to the Sacred Congregation for the Clergy in Rome.

I have appointed Father Richard Foley as Administrator of Tweed Heads parish, commencing on Thursday, 26th June. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to him. I would expect that you will cooperate fully with him, by handing over to him the keys to the safe, the keys to all other Church property, all books of accounts, and all parish records. I have authorised him to change the 'authorities' on all parish bank accounts to his name.

While the appeal is being heard, you will be paid from Central funds, at the level you receive at present as parish priest of Tweed Heads. The Diocese will also be responsible for your accommodation. You could let me know your wishes in this regard. However, I must insist that you leave the Tweed Heads parish, although I am prepared for you to live there for another fortnight, if necessary, to gather things together.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

John Satterthwaite

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BISHOP OF LISMORE.