



SACRA CONGREGATIO PRO CLERICIS

LISMORE, Australia: Appeal by the Reverend Paul Rex Brown, Parish Priest of the Parish of Tweed Heads, N.S.W., against the decree of removal issued by the Most Reverend John Satterthwaite, Bishop of Lismore.

DECREE

On June 23rd 1986, the Reverend Paul Rex Brown, a priest of the Diocese of Lismore, in Australia, appealed to this Congregation against the decree of removal issued by the Ordinary of the Diocese on June 20, 1986, by which Father Brown was removed from the Parish of Tweed Heads, N.S.W.

The Bishop's decree of removal is based on the five "causae" mentioned in can.1741 of the Code of Canon Law.

He has produced the necessary documentation to prove that Father Brown:

- 1) has caused disruption of ecclesial communion;
- 2) has been incompetent and suffering from permanent infirmity, namely alcoholism;
- 3) has caused loss of reputation and aversion to him as a pastor;
- 4) as a consequence of his infirmity he has been found guilty of grave neglect and violation of parish duties;
- 5) he has poorly administered the temporal goods entrusted to him as a pastor.

Having examined the documentation sent to this Office by the Claimant through his Advocate and by the Bishop;

having verified, as much as possible, the objectivity and seriousness of the reasons for the removal,

having taken into consideration the fact that the procedure for the removal as expressed in the Code of canon Law has been duly followed;

having asked the opinion of one Consultor,

THE SACRED CONGREGATION FOR THE CLERGY

has decided to reject the appeal of the Reverend Paul Rex Brown, and to confirm the decree of removal issued on June 20, 1986, by Bishop John Satterthwaite, of Lismore, Australia.

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Given at the Vatican, this eighth day of
August 1987.

+ *Albertus Quintan*
a Secretar

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M. Linnac, Sub-Secret.

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