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Revd. Bishop,  
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MAITLAND, N.S.W. 2320

Your Grace,

Will you please hand the enclosed letter to  
Father McAlinden?

I would like you, in doing so, to study the  
contents and let me have your comments.

Yours respectfully,

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Revd. Father McAlinden,  
c/o Catholic Church Bishop,  
MAITLAND, N.S.W. 2320.

Dear Father,

I am writing, not only on behalf of Mollie and myself, but for all of the Denmark, Peaceful Bay and Walpole parishioners who have been shocked and dismayed by your sudden departure. Paddy and Ita Owen have visited us today to discuss the matter. We have also had many phone calls from others who have expressed their regret that you have been transferred from Denmark.

We have been informed that you were merely on loan to the Bunbury diocese and that you have been recalled to Maitland by your Bishop. What we cannot understand and strongly resent is that we were not given an opportunity to thank you for all the work you have done to re-vitalise the Church in this area and make us proud to be Catholics. During the 30 years our family has been travelling 50 miles weekly to attend Mass in Denmark, we have been fortunate in having several greatly loved and highly respected Parish Priests. In the few months you have been with us, we have been convinced that you would maintain and even enhance that very high standard.

This letter is enclosed with one to your Bishop asking him to make sure it is received by you as soon as possible. I have also asked him if he will accept and consider a petition from Denmark parishioners pleading with him to sanction your return to Denmark as our Priest.

With many thanks for your great work and our very best wishes for your future.

Yours sincerely,

*J. L. Barrow*