

27 February 1993

Dear Father McAlinden,

In the light of your health I hereby confirm your retirement from priestly ministry.

Because of the circumstances as discussed with Fr. B Lucas, I hereby withdraw your faculties as of the date of this letter. This means that you may not engage in any public priestly ministry eg. Mass, Sacraments, Funerals etc., nor may you present yourself as a priest or be known as a priest wherever you live.

You may not make any contact with any people who may be fearful of such contact.

I insist that you engage a Spiritual Director and that I be informed of his name and address. I also ask that you authorise him to discuss with me the circumstances of your retirement.

I ask that you sign a document accepting the terms of this Administrative Decree.

With cordial best wishes,

Yours sincerely in Christ

Most Reverend L M Clarke, DD
Bishop of Maitland