

"BEARDMORE COTTAGE",  
TINGURRY,  
CAHIR,  
Co. Tipperary,  
Republic of Ireland.  
20th. June, '93

Most Rev Leo Clarke,  
Bishop of Maitland.

Dear Bishop,

since writing to you some weeks ago , I have been informed that you would be absent till the end of June. I had written then to inform you that the arrangements for my stopping at Skegness were obviously not going to prove the most practical. Alan Hart had suggested that I might apply to go to a retirement home in Cork. In no way could I cope with being institutionalised, having lived on my own for most of my life - apart from the fact that there I would need to be identified. However, to solve the problem - with the help of my Spiritual director, Fr. Hallinan, - I have been able to secure a small cottage nearby in an isolated area about 7 klms from Cahir, Co. Tipperary. It has many advantages, not least of which is its proximity to Mnt. Mellary where I have already found a very helpful and understanding confessor in the person of the Prior. Likewise, the doctor (G.P.) whom I'm attending is only 7klms away in Cahir, and the heart-specialist another 12 klms. , in Clonmel. The Bishop in this diocese of Waterford & Lismore (Bishop Michael Russell) has just retired through ill-health, and his successor, Fr. Wm. Lee, who is at present Dean of St. Patrick's college, Thurles, will be "ordained" sometime next month (July).

I have already informed the Office, through Fr. Austin Hayes, of my Banking arrangements .

Hoping that the above arrangements are satisfactory, and with every best

I remain,  
sincerely yours in Christ,

*Leo Clarke*