

November 8, 1994

Rev D McAlinden
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Dear Father McAlinden,

Last Tuesday (1st November) on my return from holidays I found awaiting me your letter of 13th September.

I am pleased to hear that your heart operation was a success.

In your letter you quote two options suggested by the local Bishop, Msgr Bantique. Given the climate here in Australia at the present time it is impossible for me to give permission for you to exercise your priesthood anywhere either here in Australia or overseas. I have written a letter to Msgr Bantique stating that but not giving him any background or reasons for my decision.

Would you please let me know if there is some place with a warm climate where you could reside as a retired priest and also how the Diocese of Maitland could assist financially.

With cordial best wishes,

Yours sincerely in Christ

Most Reverend L M Clarke, DD
Bishop of Maitland

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