

November 8, 1994

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Your Excellency,

On my return from annual holidays this week I found awaiting me a letter from one of my priests, Fr D McAlinden, dated 13th September.

In this letter Fr Mc Alinden has asked my approval of one of two options suggested by yourself (his words):

- a) that he be excardinated from Maitland Diocese and incardinated in San Pablo Diocese immediately (the preferred option)
- or
- b) that I permit Fr McAlinden to work in San Pablo Diocese with a view to future incardination

Yours Excellency I cannot give approval of either option and Fr McAlinden is fully aware of the reasons for this decision.

With fraternal best wishes,

Yours sincerely in Christ

Most Reverend L M Clarke, DD  
Bishop of Maitland

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