



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Office of the President

30th November 2007

Mr Paul Collins
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Dear Paul,

I write to acknowledge receipt of the petition which was forwarded in the name of many Australian Catholics.

The issues mentioned in the petition were referred to by the members of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference at our recent Plenary Meeting in a wide-ranging discussion of vocations, Church ministry and the life of the Church. During the discussion it was clear that the Bishops continue to be deeply concerned to make adequate pastoral and sacramental provision for the Church in Australia.

We intend to pursue discussions at future Plenary Meetings of those aspects of Church life which are within our competency as a Conference of Bishops in the Universal Church.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

+ Philip Wilson .

Archbishop Philip E. Wilson
President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference