

August 8, 1973

Rev. V. Ryan, S.T.I., D.C.L.,
Catholic Presbytery,
39 Delprat Ave.,
BERESFIELD. 2322

Dear Father Ryan,

Following a Conference with the Diocesan Consultors I wish to inform you of a change of appointment to the Parish of St. Josph's, Merewether. This will take effect as from Friday, 17 August.

An important work at present is the visitation of the people in their own homes. So many, not excepting the best families, have problems which they will more readily discuss in their own environment with the priest who visits them. I know that this apostolate will have your earnest attention.

Many thanks for all the assistance you gave to me personally while at Maitland. I regret in the present circumstances I must dispense with a Priest Secretary. The Office now being centrally situated will enable me to benefit from the proximity of many priests able to assist in a Secretary's duties. Monsignor Cotter accepts the suggestion that you will be available to the Matrimonial Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Sydney from time to time. We can discuss this in detail as it suits you.

May I thank you for all the good work you have done in your present appointment which has shown zeal and earnestness in your care for souls.

With all good wishes, and begging God's blessing on your future labours,

I remain,

Yours sincerely in Our Lord,

BISHOP OF MAITLAND.