

19th April, 1979.

Fr. Paul Ryan,  
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Dear Paul,

To formalise our discussions about your future work, I mentioned to the Consultors yesterday that you had asked to be allowed to return to the United States. The Consultors were concerned that you not cut yourself off from the Diocese altogether at this time. I explained that the present suggestion is that you go back -- presuming that the Bishop there is happy with such an arrangement -- and work there for a couple of years by way of experiment. It would then be open to all parties to review the position. Presumably after a suitable experimental period some decision would have to be reached about a commitment to one or other Diocese. The Consultors agreed with this proposal.

As I mentioned to you, I think that it would be necessary for you to have some firm assurance of a position in America before you make the trip back there. Presumably this would involve some correspondence between the Bishop in the U.S. and myself. I will try to attend to any necessary formalities without too much delay.

No doubt we will be in touch shortly. In the meantime, be assured of my prayers.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Ballarat.

*P.S. A letter from Dr. Sangham has arrived since I wrote the above -  
It is mainly one of appreciation for your services over the past  
year or two.*