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Memorandum

To: The Archbishop  
From: Frank  
Date: 12/12/1996  
Subject: Letter from Bishop Peter Ball

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Thank you for asking my advice as to how you let bishops know at the House of Bishops' meeting that they can call upon Peter Ball for ministry in their dioceses.

I think the best way would be to announce the retirement of Peter and Michael and to say that both will be available for ministry in their dioceses according to their own particular expertise. I think you could then go on to point out that Peter has held your permission to preach in the Southern Province for the last three years and that this has not brought about any hostile reaction from anybody. I think you could also go on to say that it is to be remembered that he was never actually convicted of any offence and that he acted in the interests of the Church to his own detriment.

However, the discretion to use Peter lies with individual diocesan bishops and they might like to remember that some areas of ministry are more appropriate than others and that because of his health condition he is not always totally reliable. I hope this helps.

DPA

Ma-Feb.. Bp of Tiro returning... for the last 2 yrs  
Peter has had my permission to exercise a priestly min  
in diocese of Tiro & further afield, when requested.  
(I remain deeply troubled by Peter's sign..

Peter's health still a worry... ~~troubled with~~ <sup>troubled with</sup> his  
struggle towards self-acceptance

Encourage you to use Peter for priestly min in  
your dioceses. ~~If you wish~~ <sup>brilliant with</sup>

- Guidelines:
    - i) Priests rather than episcopate
    - ii) Infr AB 6 Province
    - iii) If you use him in schools/YP... f
- his sense, supervision.

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