



Secretariat for Pastoral Services
Diocese of Manchester

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PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Fr. Benjamin M. Sebastian
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Dear Fr. Sebastian:

Thank you for your letter of August 9th. I appreciate the concern you have taken in assisting us in making an appropriate decision in regard to Father Hilary.

I would like to inform you confidentially that, because of your information and other information that we have managed to receive, I have informed Father Hilary that it is not possible for us to offer him a pastoral assignment. Since all of the information we have about him was kept confidential, the reason I offered to him was the fact that we will be ordaining seven priests in the spring and frankly will have a difficult time in finding appropriate pastoral assignments for them. For that reason, we simply would not have the need for his services at this time.

Again I thank you for your kind concern in this regard.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ;

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian
Secretary
Chancellor