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With all hest-wishes Respectfully yours

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Bishop Elect Most Reverend LM Clarke St Paul's Seminary

PO Box 693K Newcastle 2300 17-5-76

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