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Your Grace
Holiness ,

As the Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission comes to the end of its twelve years of work and prepares to submit its final report, we the co-chairmen respond gladly to the joint invitation of Bishop John Howe, Secretary General of the Anglican Consultative Council and Bishop Ramon Torrella, Vice President of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, to simplify the task of responding to the report by putting two questions regarding it:

Are the Agreed Statements on Eucharist, Ministry and Authority consonant in substance with the faith of Anglicans and Roman Catholics?

Does the Final Report offer sufficient grounds for making a first concrete step towards reconciliation rooted in agreement in faith?

In the meantime, even while these questions are being deliberated, we recommend that the work of a new commission should be to make explicit, on the basis of the work of the Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission, the implications of such reconciliation and to determine, on the same basis, the stages through which we may move towards full communion and the practical steps involved at each stage.

Your devoted servants in Christ,

H.R. McAdoo, Archbishop of Dublin

Alan C. Clark, Bishop of East Anglia

Co-Chairmen.