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TO ALL MEMBERS OF A.R.C.I.C.

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Bishop Clark and the Revd. Julian Charley have written Commentaries which will be published on December 13th. Fr. Herbert Ryan has written a Commentary for the January issue of "Worship", which will probably also appear in "The Catholic Mind" in March/April. It is expected that ARC/DOC III will include the Canterbury Statement.

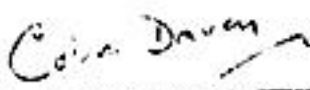
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Present plans are for advance copies, together with prepared statements from the Co-Chairmen on the significance of the document, to be made available to the Press on December 5th with a strict embargo for use after 00.01 HRS. on December 13th.

Enclosed herewith also are (i) editorial corrections made to the Statement, (ii) a continuation of the Catalogue of A.R.C.I.C. papers, (iii) "Christ's Presence and Sacrifice" by the Revd. R. Beckwith.

Your further comments and reflections on our approach to the question of Authority will be gratefully received.

  
(The Revd.) COLIN DAVEY  
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As the two Co-Chairmen point out in their Preface, it is at present no more than a joint statement of the Commission. The Commission is reporting to the authorities who appointed it on one of the items in its programme of work. These authorities have allowed the Statement to be published so that it may be discussed by other theologians. It is not a declaration by the Roman Catholic Church or by the Anglican Communion. It does not authorise any change in existing ecclesiastical discipline.

The Commission will be glad to receive observations and criticisms made in a constructive and fraternal spirit. Its work is done in the service of the Church. It will give responsible attention to every serious comment which is likely to help in improving or completing the result so far achieved. This wider collaboration will make its work to a greater degree work in common, and by God's grace will lead us to the goal set at the beginning of Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue: "That unity in truth for which Christ prayed."  
(Common Declaration of Pope Paul VI and the Archbishop of Canterbury, March 1966.)

Comments on the Statement or requests for further information on the work of the Commission may be sent to its Secretaries:

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Editorial Corrections to the Canterbury Statement

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