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The Most Reverend and Right Honourable
Lord Archbishop of Canterbury

Your Grace,

Your letter to Cardinal Willebrands proposing a consultation, predominantly between theologians, concerning the ordination of women to the priesthood has been under consideration for some time - as you know the past months have been somewhat hectic ones for the Secretariat.

It does seem however that, following recent conversations between Secretariat staff and your Grace's Counsellors on Foreign Relations, we might now proceed to consider possible dates for such a discussion. It was suggested to us that early in the new year might be the earliest feasible time. It would seem to us that London might be the most suitable place.

We would be grateful to receive your Grace's views on this, and you might moreover feel inclined to discuss it briefly with Archbishop Torrella when he has the honour of being received by you later this month.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Charles Moeller

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