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To Primates of the Ang Com \_\_\_\_\_ date

I have pleasure in sending the Joint Report of the Anglican/Roman Catholic Consultation concerning the Ordination of Women. This is the ~~Report~~ Consultation referred to in "Preparatory Information" for the LC 1973, page 57(d). I apologise that it has not been possible to send it to you earlier.

This Anglican circulation of the Joint Report of the Consultation held last February/March is made with the knowledge of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, with whom we have been in close association throughout.

The Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity concurs in Fr Yves Congar's interpretation of the Report, as noted in the Introduction (footnote, page \_\_\_\_\_). The Anglican intention also is that the document be read as a single whole, in the light of the Terms of Reference given to the Consultation: "To what extent and in what ways churches with women priests and churches without women priests can be reconciled in sacramental fellowship".

Each Primate is free to distribute the Report in his Province as he may wish. Several copies are enclosed; more will be available at the LC.

Mr William Purdy will be at the LC as one of the Roman Catholic Church's Observers, and will be able to comment on the Joint Report. He was a participant in the Consultation and is a member of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity.

Following the Resolution concerning Pan-Anglican conversations with other Churches (ACC-2 Dublin, Report page 8) the ACC at its next meeting will consider any response to the Report which you may wish to send to it.

The Report is not a restricted document, and Primates may communicate its contents as they wish.

Yours very sincerely,

S-G, ACC

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