

Archdiocese of Vancouver ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

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The Right Reverend Peter Wilkinson, OSG The Anglican Catholic Church of Canada Synod of the Diocese of Canada c/o Rev. William Ashley

Dear Bishop Wilkinson:

It is an honour and a privilege to offer my greetings to the bishops, clergy, and people of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada as you gather for your Synod. A synod is always a time to celebrate the communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, a communion that draws us into a unity of faith. Your Synod is responding obediently to the prayer of the Lord Jesus for the unity of his disciples: "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Over the years, I have appreciated the role that the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada has played in supporting the dignity of the institution of marriage and family life in Canada. I am also grateful for the steadfast witness that the Traditional Anglican Communion has given to upholding the belief that human life is a sacred gift of God from the moment of conception to its natural death.

More recently, it is with a spirit of profound gratitude that I have learned the bishops of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada have asked the Holy See to implement the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus* in our country. This decision will inaugurate a necessary period of prayer, dialogue, and theological discernment as we take yet one more step to the restoration of full communion in the Body of Christ.

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, I want to offer your Synod our cordial greetings and prayers,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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