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Your Grace,

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has received the letter that you sent to him on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on the occasion of his resignation from office, and he has asked me to reply in his name.

He appreciates the sentiments that you expressed and he is grateful for the support of your prayers. He recalls with gratitude the welcome extended to him on his historic visit to your country in September 2010, and he continues to give thanks to God for the many graces received during those four days.

His Holiness promises to pray for all of you and for the people entrusted to your pastoral care, and he willingly imparts his Apostolic Blessing.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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