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Your Eminence

I have learnt with sadness of the death of His Beatitude Torkom Manoogian II, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem.

His Beatitude was well-known for his ecumenical spirit and his efforts to secure reconciliation and peace in the Holy Land.

On behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and its President, Archbishop Vincent Nichols, please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your beloved Patriarch, an admired and faithful leader of the Christian Church.

We pray for his departed soul, as we do also for the Armenian Patriarchate and Brotherhood of St James in Jerusalem, for the Armenian communities in Israel, Palestine and Jordan and for your own leadership.

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Assuring you of my prayers, I remain

Yours fraternally in the Lord Jesus Christ

Monsignor Marcus Stock
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