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*Dear + John,*

I write on behalf of my fellow bishops and the Catholic community of England and Wales to express our sadness at the devastating impact that the recent earthquake has inflicted on the people of Christchurch.

During this traumatic time I want to assure you we are united with you in our prayers for all those who have suffered. Please pass on my personal thoughts to Bishop Barry Jones as he carries out his pastoral ministry to the victims and their families.

With my prayerful good wishes and warm personal regards, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ

*+ Vincent Nichols*

Archbishop Vincent Nichols  
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