



Email from ARCIC Co-Chairs - For the attention of Dom Thomas Pott OSB

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To: info@malinesconversations.org,

Dear Dom Thomas

Thank you very much for your letter and for sharing with us the report of the Malines Conversations Group, *Sorores in Spe*. We would like to send our congratulations to the Malines Conversations Group on this very considerable achievement that gives fitting testament to the centenary of the beginning of the original Conversations that we have been celebrating this year.

You will be aware that, as the official theological dialogue between the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church, ARCIC's work is mandated by our churches and the topics discussed both defined and limited by our mandate. Currently, following on from the publication of the agreed statement, *Walking Together on the Way: Learning to be the Church- Local, Regional, Universal*, we are addressing the second part of our mandate which is to examine how the Church local and universal discerns right ethical teaching.

While it is not possible, therefore, for ARCIC to examine the question of orders at present, as ARCIC's co-chairs we will be suggesting that national Anglican – Roman Catholic Committees (ARCs) around the world both take note of and study this document. If, in a future phase of ARCIC, our churches wish to raise once again the topic of ministry and ordination then the work of the informal Malines Conversation Group will be a rich and useful resource.

Please extend our kind regards to the members of the Malines Conversations Group, together with our prayers for a blessed and joyful Christmas ahead.

Yours sincerely in Christ

✠Philip Freier
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✠Bernard Longley
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