

A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF LANCASTER  
TO HIS EXCELLENCY JEAN-PIERRE, THE AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE



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Your Excellency,

Together with people across the entire world, together with people of all faiths and none, the Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Lancaster, England, stand with you in your time of National grief following yesterday's fire at Notre Dame de Paris.

For such a tragedy to strike at any time is a heavy burden. For it to happen within Holy Week adds to the pain. The people of Paris and all France will be given a special place within our own Liturgies and particularly my own Cathedral.

Notre Dame carries the heart and soul of the French people. Our love and prayers are with you for the work of re-building and the work of healing that now begins. Many here will make contributions to that work.

Of this I am sure: the stunning beautiful ancient Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris will live again. She still has work to do, to lift us from the ashes of our lives, and restore us to glory. Courage!

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

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Bishop of Lancaster



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