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Dear Bishop Swarbrick,

I write to offer prayerful sympathy to you, the clergy, and the people of the Diocese of Lancaster on the death of Bishop Pádraig O'Donoghue.

I understand that Bishop Pádraig was a courageous and dedicated pastor who served the Church in Lancaster with courage and fidelity. I note in particular your praise of his concern for the poor and his great charity and devotion towards those who were in most need of support and care.

I want to assure you and the Church in Lancaster of a special remembrance in prayer for the happy repose of the soul of Bishop Pádraig. He happily fulfilled his wish to return to Ireland and his childhood home of County Cork for his last years. Through the intercession of Our Lady and St Patrick may his faithful soul find a true home in the eternal light and happiness of the heavenly kingdom. May he rest in peace.

With all good wishes and every blessing,

Yours sincerely,

+ Eamon Martin

Most Rev Eamon Martin
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