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Dear Monsignor Newton,

On behalf of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, I would like to express our heartfelt condolences to you and all the members of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

As we recall her extraordinary life and reign, the words of Pope Benedict XVI come to mind, who—on the occasion of the late monarch’s Diamond Jubilee in 2012—honored the Queen for how she offered to the world “an inspiring example of dedication to duty and a commitment to maintaining the principles of freedom, justice and democracy, in keeping with a noble vision of the role of a Christian monarch.”

True to that vision, Queen Elizabeth II was exemplary for her “unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises,” as our Holy Father, Pope Francis expressed in his message of condolence to His Majesty, King Charles III.

Throughout her exceptional reign, the Queen enjoyed the great affection and fervent prayers of so many of her subjects, including those belonging to the Ordinariates created by the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum coetibus* located in the United Kingdom and in the Commonwealth.

Now, as you mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth II, know that you are joined by Ordinariate communities throughout Australia and Canada, as well as by our own union of prayer as together we commend the late Sovereign to our Heavenly Father. May she sleep in God’s peace and rise in the light of His glory.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Luis F. Card. LADARIA, S.I.**  
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