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To the Members of the Canon Law Society of Great Britain & Ireland

To the Delegates to our Annual Conference

Dear Member/Delegate

Greetings from a locked-down Donegal, coming to terms, as we all are, with life as we've come to know it. Had circumstances been otherwise, many of us would have been arriving today at The Galway Bay Hotel for the beginning of our Annual Conference. It seems timely therefore for me to write to you to update you and to encourage you.

Our Research Sub-Committee had put together yet another excellent series of papers to be delivered by a group of gifted speakers, the venue was prepared, and we were all looking forward to gathering together. As usual, as well as being the better informed of developments in various areas of Canon Law, our Conference would have given us the enjoyment of being together again. In these days of social distancing and cocooning, we look forward to future conferences all the more. God willing, next year we will enjoy Galway all the more.

Had we been gathering as usual today, some of our members and delegates from other years would not have been there. A most esteemed life member, Frank Morrissey OMI, could not attend this year due to illness; we offer him our prayers and the support of our friendship at this time; he has been so faithful and ever helpful as both member and delegate. May God be with him every moment. There is never a good time to be ill, but these times are particularly challenging. Unfortunately, in the midst of this pandemic, we have also lost members to the virus, Ed Grimes CSSp in Dublin being amongst them.

In this part of the world, there is a phrase: *Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine* – under each other's shelter, people survive. Looking out for one another and despite widescale sacramental shutdown across the world, serving as many of us must the needs of God's people, we will get through this together, albeit apart for now.

We will be in touch again soon, sending the Society's Newsletter and other correspondence. For now however, on behalf of the Executive Committee, I send to you and the members of our sister Societies our warmest greetings, simply wishing you God's blessing. I remain, as ever

Yours

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