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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Father Scanlon

I wanted to write to thank you for your very kind letter, with which you enclosed a copy of Pope Benedict's recent Encyclical *Caritas in Veritate – Charity in Truth*.

I pay tribute to the Pope's concern for peace and justice throughout the world, and his work on grounding this concern in the Christian message. At this time of year the importance of this mission is felt particularly keenly, and I am very grateful for the work you do in the Southwark Archdiocese and within other Catholic communities in this country, to encourage congregations to take practical steps to work for justice and peace.

I send you all my very best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Gordon Brown".