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*The Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP
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7th September 2009

Welcome back from a well deserved break.

*First of all I want to pay tribute to your fight for Social Justice here and abroad.
Thank you for all your hard work.*

*I personally know that you are highly thought of in the Vatican and I also know
that Pope Benedict has deeply appreciated your wisdom and knowledge about the
problems that face our world today.*

*With this letter comes a copy of the Pope's latest and warmly welcomed **Encyclical -
Caritas in Veritate - Charity in Truth**, which you helped in with your advice.*

*As Chair of the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission for the Roman
Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark here in London, I was wondering if you would be
kind enough to give us your thoughts and reflections, so that we can put it on our
website and publish it in our newsletter.*

*We would also welcome the opportunity to meet with you and talk about the issues
it raises and share your thoughts and feelings with a wider audience if at all
possible?*

Once again thank you for all that you do and all that you are.

With every good wish

Yours sincerely

Fr Michael Scanlon PP
Chair of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission



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THE PRIME MINISTER

5 January 2010

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, appearing to read "Gordon Brown".