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My dear Peter

I am writing this two days after our meeting, so relieved that the press coverage has not been spiteful or misleading. Indeed, the response so far has been most encouraging with the most positive things being said about your distinguished ministry.

Peter, I want you to know you are on my heart and constantly in my prayers. You need to know further that the matter does not diminish my admiration for you or my determination to keep you on the episcopal bench. You are greatly loved by so many in the Church and beginning to make a significant impact in the diocese. So be encouraged and don't lose heart. A theological thought might be reasonable. Incarnation for me is all about self-emptiness (kenosis). As the Son of Man, the Son of God, left the glory of his Father's presence he knew the cost of kenosis - loneliness, cut off from all that was dear to him, the pain of misunderstanding - even the beginning again as a Babe, even the submission to earthly parents... It may well be the case that you

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will enter into the true experience of Christmas as for
you. Kenosis was not a final event and a final
act of faith. And like our Lord you are not
abandoned by the Father or removed from his
love.

May God keep you from despair
and ever in the darkness guide you to see the
light of his presence and the warmth of
his love.

Your witness in Christ

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