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**Press Statement to be issued on behalf of the
Bishop of Gloucester if there is a Caution**

It is with great sadness that I have resigned as Bishop of Gloucester.

Although it is less than a year since I arrived in Gloucester, I want to thank people throughout the Diocese for the tremendous support and love, and encouragement they have shown during this difficult time, and the many people throughout Britain and beyond who have written such kind words.

I also want to thank those who have carried on the work of the Diocese so splendidly while I have been away.

It was never my intention, in any way, to do anything which might have caused distress to anyone. My motivation has always been the pursuit of deeper Christian commitment and spiritual growth.

During the past 15 years of episcopal ministry there has been an ever-increasing work load which has led to greater and greater stress.

The last 10 weeks of total isolation and anxiety have produced particular strains, causing serious damage to my health.

I regret, with great penitence and sorrow the circumstances that have led to this police caution.

As for the future, I am sure there will be a way in which I can continue to serve God.

God bless you all.

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