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Roy Cotton/Colin Pritchard – historic cases review

Thank you for your hard work on the historic cases review as a whole. I look forward to receiving your report as soon as possible.

I am writing about the supplementary report you supplied on the way in which the Cotton and Pritchard cases had been handled. You suggested that the Diocese should review the past decisions and actions of the key Diocesan Staff. I should be grateful if you would yourself conduct this review and make appropriate recommendations.

You also suggested the need to review 'the appropriateness and sustainability of the Diocesan view that 'the Church cannot accept any responsibility for what happened'. This expression has never been used as far as I am aware and certainly does not conform to any view that I or any view that I or any of my colleagues hold. I do however agree that the kind of language used needs careful attention and I intend to raise the question in a wider forum with a view to seeing if there can be a kind of national template for such language. I shall of course keep you informed.

I look forward to hearing from you about the particular case review.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

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