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Dear Bishop,

*The Holy Father's address to Anglicans*

I am very thankful for our meeting, attended also by Michael Robson, Dean of my college on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, and for the counsel that you gave me.

I have discussed matters with Kathy my wife who supports my decision, with the hope that she may well be able to follow me subsequently when she feels ready.

I have therefore informed Father Michael that I am seeking reception into the Catholic Church.

It is my intention to do my last duty as an Anglican priest on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September, moved by those elements of sanctity and truth that the Holy Father mentioned, into full union with the universal Church.

As I have already stated, I am not moving on any particular substantive issue, but on the ARCIC principle of *koinonia*, and the conviction that in all fundamental matters of faith the whole Church must reach mature decisions, under the guidance of the successor of St Peter who has the pastoral commission to secure that unity. On this ground, I submit to the magisterium.

You kindly mentioned that you would give me the appropriate form of words to use to the Anglican Bishop of Ely (or indeed the assistant bishop of Huntingdon during the vacancy in the Anglican See) informing him of my decision and I would be grateful if you could specify what words I should use to make the situation plain.

Yours sincerely,

Allen Brent