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The Ordination of Women

Thank you for letting me see the Pope's reply to the Archbishop of Canterbury's letter. I agree that there is no need to make the letter public at this time. I very much doubt whether the issue will be raised at the February Synod: if it is, the Archbishop could, if he chose, take refuge behind the fact that the House of Bishops has not yet had an opportunity to review and reflect on the position. But we doubt ACC - Trinidad will stir the subject up again.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Arnold, who kindly showed me his letter of 22nd January to you.

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W. D. Pattinson
Secretary-General