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~~Possible~~ draft of a covering letter to be sent by the ACC to the Anglican Churches with a copy of the Versailles Report

ANGLICAN/ROMAN CATHOLIC CONSULTATION ON THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD

This Anglican publication of the Joint Report of the Consultation held last February/March is made with the knowledge and assent of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, with whom we have been in close association throughout.

Fr. Yves Congar, O.P., one of the Roman Catholic participants, was unfortunately unwell during the final sessions of the Consultation. He has informed the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity of his agreement with the Joint Report which he helped to draft, emphasising that paragraph 6 is to be read in the light of paragraphs 2 and 3, and understanding this to be the general mind of the Roman Catholic participants. The Anglican intention is also that the document be read as a single whole, in the light of the Terms of Reference given to the Consultation.

Mgr. William Purdy will be at the Lambeth Conference as one of the Roman Catholic Church's Observers, and will be able to comment on the Joint Report. He was a participant in the Consultation, and is a member of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity.