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Mr CKU

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Dear CKU

Just a short note to explain (not excuse) what has happened recently in relation to the payment offered to you via your Mother. An explanation which you are owed.

When we were talking to your Mother in November she told us of your intended overseas trip. It seemed like an opportunity for the Church to show some practical care and concern for you, having regard to all you have been through and are still experiencing. So the gift was proposed and recommended by the Professional Standards Committee and approved by the Diocesan Council. It was and is intended to be *ex gratia* and "without prejudice" to any of your rights. A concrete and hopefully helpful and healing expression of the care and concern which we as a Church and as individuals have towards you.

To avoid any misunderstanding as to the purpose of the gift it was decided to make the cheque out to your Mother for her to pass on, given that the conversation had been with her. If that decision has caused offence we apologise.

In legal terms the gift was and is "*ex gratia*" and without prejudice" i.e. your acceptance of it has no implications for any other legal rights you may have. This should have been made clear in a covering letter with the cheque.

In the process of formal administrative handling of the payment and because of a series of unfortunate circumstances the payment was sent without a covering explanatory letter. We also apologise most sincerely for this error which was certainly not intended.

Our hope is that the \$2000 might be a small token of our genuine care and might just make your trip a little more manageable financially. We understand that as of a few weeks ago the cheque had not been presented. You are still welcome to access it if you want to.

Please feel free to communicate with us if there is anything that you would want us to hear. We hope that your trip is safe and enjoyable.

With all best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

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