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Mr John Ellis

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Dear John

**Re: Your meeting with the Cardinal of 18 February 2009**

Cardinal Pell departed for overseas at the end of February 2009 and did not have an opportunity to acknowledge your kind letter to him dated 24 February 2009. He has asked me to send this acknowledgement on his behalf. He has asked me to thank you for your very kind remarks and, he too, found the meeting a rewarding experience.

The Cardinal's comments during the meeting were genuine. His frank acknowledgement of the mistakes of the past and his commitment that he would not like to see some aspects of the manner in which you have been responded to by the Archdiocese of Sydney repeated.

In relation to the other matters raised in your letter, we will forward a response when I have had a chance to meet with the Cardinal on his return in April 2009.

Once again, John, thank you for your letter and I will look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely



Fr John Usher  
CHANCELLOR