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**ADDRESS OF THE HOLY FATHER PAUL VI  
TO THE 11th LAMBETH CONFERENCE OF THE BISHOPS  
OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION**

*Tuesday, 18 July 1978*

*To His Grace*

*The Most Reverend Dr Donald Coggan*

*Archbishop of Canterbury*

We have learnt with deep interest of the forthcoming eleventh Lambeth Conference of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, to be held this year in the historic city of Canterbury.

Vivid memories of the Second Vatican Council enable us to appreciate the value of such a period of common reflection by Christian pastors, and we note with happiness that the theme which is to dominate the Conference is the place and function of the Bishop in the world of today. This theme has already been the subject of fruitful dialogue between Anglican and Catholic scholars, and we hope that the Conference on its part may serve to lead us closer together in fellowship.

We assure you of our prayers for the Conference and invoke God's abundant blessings upon it.

*From the Vatican, 18 July 1978.*

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