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Dear Bishop Josiah,

One of the joys of returning from sabbatical is to hear about all sorts of good things that have been happening while I have been away. Among them is the wonderful news that the Archbishop of Canterbury has awarded you the Cross of St Augustine for your exceptional service to the Anglican Communion in the area of Christian-Muslim relations, including your ministry in Nigeria promoting dialogue and reconciliation between Christians and Muslims. Having visited Kaduna Diocese in March, I join many others in the Diocese of Coventry in bearing testimony to the Archbishop's words about your tireless work, and the courage and vision that you have displayed in the most difficult of circumstances.

Please know that your brothers and sisters here in Coventry Diocese rejoice in this most fitting award and that we continue to hold you and Comfort, together with the clergy and people of your Diocese, in our hearts and prayers.

With our love in Christ As ever, yours

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