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30 November 2022

The Reverend Marc Dale
By email

Dear Marc

I write in reply to your email of 25 November 2022 and your letter of 28 November 2022 regarding the objection to the planned ordination of The Reverend Andrew Milne as priest on 30 November 2022, the Feast of St Andrew.

The offer made to you and 'the members of clergy' of whom you had spoken with me in our telephone conversation last Friday, and mentioned in your email, was made in good faith. In receiving your letter of Monday it has been necessary to prayerfully consider the new information of your invitation to a wider group of people to add their names to any planned objection. This goes beyond the intention of our earlier conversation. I reiterate, my offer to you was made from pastoral concern for all involved, including you and the other clergy of whom you wrote, the ordinands, their families and other members of the Diocese.

You will appreciate that as Bishop of this Diocese, as well as a sister in Christ to all concerned, any objection such as the one you have now put forward must have proper time for prayerful consideration, taking counsel and appropriate care to the details contained within it. It has also required me taking the action of attending the ordination retreat in order to advise and speak with all three of the ordination candidates, especially given the current possibility of more than 100 people potentially objecting in the Cathedral service.

You may be impatient that I have not responded in your time frame, however let me assure you that I do not take this lightly, and the time needed for this weighty matter has been considerable. Let me be clear that this has been taken seriously.

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I can now tell you that your objection to the ordination as written of Andrew Milne will be read out in the service at the time given in the Ordination Rite, and I will make a response. Mention will also be made of those supporting the objection.

The live stream will remain on for the whole service.

I would appreciate knowing in advance if those on your list plan to attend the service. It is imperative that the Cathedral know of this.

Like you I deeply regret any consequent disturbance to the peace and tranquillity of Christ's church resultant from the voicing of your concerns and objections. You may trust that I have taken these matters to heart and continue to pray carefully for the members of Christ's flock in this Diocese.

In Christ

**The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO
Archbishop**

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