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Dear Ms McFlynn

**VISITATION TO ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
HIGHGATE: 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**

Thank you for a deeply enjoyable visit to St Joseph's. I was impressed to be met at the door by both Executive Headteacher, Head of School and three Pupil Chaplains. It set just the right tone for us to begin by our visiting straightaway the school chapel. I would wish to congratulate you on having created a truly worthy worship-space. The Easter Garden which you had commissioned for the chapel I found particularly impressive: I noted the children's confidence in explaining all that they saw there. I am sure the pupils' ability, as we visited different classes, to express an Easter faith in the Resurrection has been nurtured by this wonderful addition to the school chapel.

I was very grateful to you for giving up the whole of your morning then to accompany me to every classroom! I sensed much joy in the school as we paused to spend a little time with every age-group. The same joy I noted in the drumming and the singing! Music is clearly a high priority - amongst others - for St Joseph's. I remarked to myself as well, as we toured the whole building, how bright and colourful was the decoration; and the attentiveness to displays was of the highest quality.

It was a lovely to end the morning to join staff-members for such a relaxed lunch. Thank you for all the work that had gone into creating such a fine meal. I was very pleased to have the opportunity to listen at leisure to everyone you had gathered around the table; and to feel their pride in St Joseph's.

I came away confirmed in the impression which I had on my first visit that St Joseph's is a real community; and a place where there is much joy experienced on the part of both teachers and pupils alike. Thank you for all you have given of yourself personally to lead the school - along with Mrs Noronha.

I wish you a very blessed preparation for Lent; and hope you all enjoy a truly grace-filled Easter - and a good and restful holiday!

With thanks for a delightful visit

Please be assured of my prayers for you all.

Yours sincerely in Christ

*+ Nicholas Hudson*

Rt Rev. Nicholas Hudson  
Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster