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Remembering our good shepherd

1951 ARCHBISHOP PHILIP TARTAGLIA 2021



Pope and bishops recall a “much loved pastor”

Pope's message

Pope Francis led the tributes to Archbishop Tartaglia which flowed in following his sudden death on January 13. Subsequently the Bishops of Scotland offered their condolences as they recalled the Archbishop's life and work.

His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the untimely death of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia and he offers heartfelt condolences and the assurance of his spiritual closeness to the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Glasgow. With gratitude for the Archbishop's years of steadfast service to the building up of the Church in Scotland in obedience to the Gospel, in dedication to the works of the apostolate and in fidelity to the See of Peter, His Holiness willingly commends the soul of this much loved Pastor to the boundless mercy of Christ the Good Shepherd. To all who mourn Archbishop Tartaglia's passing in the sure hope of the Resurrection, the Holy Father imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of strength and peace in the Lord.

+CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN



I was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the unexpected death of Archbishop Philip. He was a dear friend whom I've known most of my life, and his learning, wisdom and experience benefited so many people in Paisley, Glasgow and beyond.

We thank God for Philip, for his life, his priesthood, his unique goodness and humour and for his taking up the many heavy tasks that were placed on his shoulders over nearly fifty years of service to the people and the city and the Church that he loved so much.

A Christian funeral draws us away from our sadness, our pain and loss and even from the mem-

ory briefly of our love for the one who has died and helps us raise our eyes to the creator of all things, who has now called Philip to himself.

As the name suggests a Christian funeral focuses upon Jesus Christ upon his love for us all and upon the confidence and hope that we place in our merciful redeemer.

Our God is a God of love and whether we live or we die we belong to Him. With confidence therefore we commend Philip to God's loving mercy.

We do so with affection for Philip and for each other and we do so in the hope that we will all meet together again happily in paradise.

He will be sorely missed by everyone in the Catholic Church in Scotland.

My affection and prayers go to his family, who are also dear friends, and to all the clergy and people of the Archdiocese.

St Mungo, pray for him. *Requiescat in pace.*

+LEO CUSHLEY

Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh



It was a great joy for our Diocese of Paisley when Pope Benedict XVI nominated Philip Bishop of Paisley on 13 September 2005 and when, before a full congregation on 20 November 2005, he was ordained Bishop in our St Mirin's Cathedral by Archbishop Mario Conti.

As our Fourth Bishop of Paisley, Bishop Philip served us faithfully, building on the good pastoral care of his predecessor, Bishop John Mone. He renewed the celebration of First Sacraments, presiding personally over the Confirmation of our young people in joyful Cathedral Liturgies. He developed our Curial structures with the appointment of Vicars Episcopal, involving the wider clergy in a share

of his pastoral care. Above all, his priests and people found in him a true Pastor who made himself available to them at a personal level and they came to know him as a man with great love for the Church.

Philip was born in Glasgow on 11 January 1951, the eldest son of Guido and Anita Tartaglia and sibling of three brothers and five sisters. After attending St. Thomas' Primary in Riddrie, he took up his secondary education at St. Mungo's Academy in Glasgow, before entering the national junior seminary at St. Vincent's College, Langbank, from where he graduated to St. Mary's College, Blairs in Aberdeen. He completed his seminary formation at the Pontifical Scots College and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, before being ordained Priest by Archbishop Thomas Winning in Our Lady of Good Counsel in Dennistoun on the Memorial of the First Martyrs of Rome, 30 June 1975. He returned to Rome to take up doctoral studies in Sacred Theology, completing them in 1980.

He was appointed assistant priest in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Cardonald

and as visiting lecturer at St. Peter's Seminary in Glasgow. He progressed to Lecturer and then Director of Studies and, when its successor Chesters College opened in Bearsden in 1985, he was appointed Vice-Rector and then Rector in 1987. In 1993 he returned to parish life in St. Patrick's in Dumbarton before being appointed Parish Priest of St. Mary's, Duntocher in 1995.

In 2004 he returned to seminary formation with his appointment as Rector of the Pontifical Scots College, Rome. On 13 September 2005, Pope Benedict XVI nominated him Bishop of Paisley and on 20 November that year he was ordained Bishop in St Mirin's Cathedral by Archbishop Mario Conti. On the Memorial of the Nativity of Our Lady, 8 September 2012 he was installed as Archbishop of Glasgow.

As we remember him with fondness and gratitude, we pray for the repose of his soul and the consolation of the priests and people of the Archdiocese of Glasgow and for the comfort of his family.

+JOHN KEENAN

Bishop of Paisley



First got to know the Archbishop after he had been appointed as my own bishop in Paisley.

At that time I was parish priest of St Joseph's, Clarkston and we had decanted from the Church for building works. We had turned the parish hall into an Oratory for daily Mass and we used a local non-denominational school for the Sunday Masses.

The project, due to asbestos complications, had run well over schedule and when my new bishop enquired what was happening I could tell he had concerns, especially as at least 1500 people attended Mass!

He immediately arranged to come and celebrate Mass. However, when he visited St Joseph's he could see that,



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despite the challenges, the parish was flourishing. He never again asked how the project was progressing. I could tell that he now trusted me and had left me to get on with the task.

And that was something about Philip that always impressed me. He certainly had strong views which he would voice at meetings, but once he had said his piece, he left his priests to look after their parishes as they judged best. He trusted his priests.

When I was ordained a priest, I would think of

inspirational priests and identify attributes I wanted in my own ministry. When I became a bishop, I reflected on my Paisley bishops to see what attributes I could learn from them. Philip taught me, that even if, on occasion I would personally do a task differently, that having appointed a priest as pastor then to trust him to do so as he believes is best. I sincerely hope that I am learning to put this into practice.

+BRIAN MCGEE

Bishop of Argyll and The Isles



I have known Philip Tartaglia since I was 13 years old. He was two years ahead of me when I went to Blairs and then I followed him on to the Scots College in Rome.

That means that when I think of him and picture him in my mind I don't visualise the Archbishop with his mitre and crozier. It is the younger Philip whom I see: conscientious in his studies in Rome or playing football with the College team. You can learn a lot from someone watching them play football. Philip always brought a sense of calm to the team. When nerves were frayed and the play was getting erratic if Philip got hold of the ball then you felt the game was now under control.

It was Philip's conscientiousness for his studies and his love of theology which was going to have a more permanent impact on his life and on that of others. It led to his doctorate in theology, his teaching in seminary and to his becoming

ing seminary Rector first in Glasgow and then in Rome. He was always considered to be what the Italians call "episcopabile", so it was no surprise when he became Bishop of Paisley and then a few years later Archbishop of Glasgow.

I well remember the Ad Limina visit to Rome in 2018. Philip thoroughly enjoyed our meeting with Pope Francis. And when Philip told the Pope about his time working in a parish and how he missed being a parish priest Pope Francis responded with such delight that you thought he might make Philip a Cardinal there and then!

If only every moment of being Archbishop could have been as joyful as that. I felt a great deal of sympathy for him at times as he faced leading the Church in Scotland in the wake of Cardinal O'Brien's resignation, and as I saw him deeply pained by the scandal of child abuse in the church and the suffering of survivors. His two heart attacks were testimony to the stresses and strains he faced as Archbishop.

Despite his great learning it always struck me that Philip's faith was a simple faith. At its heart was a deep and personal relationship with God. That faith sustained him throughout his life. That faith has now taken him to eternal life. May he rest in peace.

+WILLIAM NOLAN

Bishop of Galloway

SAINT PATRICK'S

Saint Patrick's parish, where Archbishop Tartaglia was baptised, mourns for our departed shepherd and extends our condolences to all those who loved him.

Rest in peace



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Bishops' heartfelt tributes



ON behalf of everyone in the Diocese of Motherwell I express our shock and sadness on the sudden death of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia.

We offer the support of our prayers to his family and the community of the Archdiocese of Glasgow, and join with them in commending his soul to the tender mercy of our Loving Father through the saving power of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the years I have shared with him in the episcopal ministry I have heard him repeatedly express his steadfast belief in Christ and the need for Him to be at the heart of all we say and do in the Church, his Body.

His faith was straightforward and re-assuring, and from that came the wise counsel which he offered in the deliberations about and the decisions taken in so many areas of the Church's Mission in Glasgow Archdiocese and In the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.

As his brother bishops we will miss him greatly, and that sense of loss is shared with so many others.

It is good to remember with gratitude his priestly minister before he became a Bishop – in the parishes he served in and in the seminaries he taught and rectored in.

Those who attended his classes remember him as a gifted lecturer, and in later years he looked back with some nostalgia to these times of theological investigation and teaching as a time of much fulfilment and contentment.

He loved his native city, and the family and community he grew up in. It was hard to leave his parents and younger brothers and sisters to go to Junior Seminary to train for the priesthood, but it must have been a great joy for the family that both he and his brother Gerry were ordained as priests.

We offer our sympathy now to all of them as they grieve the loss of their brother Philip, and pray with them that he will be united with their beloved parents and their recently deceased sister in Paradise, in the blessed company of Our Lady, St Mungo, and all the Saints.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

+JOSEPH TOAL

Bishop of Motherwell



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I CANNOT tell you how sad I was to hear of the untimely death of Archbishop Philip.

I always had a great affection for him. He was a wise, courageous and kindly Shepherd, but also a warm and supportive friend.

No doubt, there will be much written of him in the coming days. Words about his time as Parish Priest, as Rector of Chesters and Rome, Bishop of Paisley and Archbishop of Glasgow. But my thoughts are much more personal today, and I will miss him greatly. His poor family, so close to the death of Dina, must be devastated just now – none more so I am certain than Canon Gerard.

Please know that all of us in the Diocese of Dunkeld will be with you – if not physically, then certainly spiritually at this time.

Much love to you all in the Archdiocese of Glasgow
May Archbishop Philip rest in peace.

+STEPHEN ROBSON

Bishop of Dunkeld



St Robert Bellarmine
Priesthill

The Parish of St Robert Bellarmine offer their prayers and condolences on the death of Archbishop Phil Tartaglia.

May he rest in peace.

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THERE are so many settings in which to have known Archbishop Philip: as a member of his family, or in his school and student days, in Rome, in the seminaries and parishes he served, as Bishop of Paisley and Archbishop of Glasgow.

There were the many circles he moved in: of ecumenical dialogue, Catholic education about which he was so engaged and realistic, the civic life of Glasgow, not forgetting its sport. So many people touched by him, so many aspects to a life, so many perspectives to view it from. Three score years and ten. Our memories are fragments of a greater whole, and that whole – the mystery of a person – is in the mind and hands of God. "On the earth the broken arcs, in the heaven a perfect round."

Today, in Christ, we remember Philip's life, we give thanks for it and we pray for its completion and the comfort of the bereaved. We bring him and ourselves before God in a literal and metaphorical great Eucharistic prayer of hope and affection.

The image that comes to me is of a great tree felled unexpectedly in the middle of the night – Storm Covid. And only when we woke up the day following did we begin to divine what had happened, did we begin to grasp the depths of its roots, to see the space this tree occupied, the shelter it gave, and what we've personally and collectively lost. This uprooting has changed the landscapes of so many lives. "Tree" seems right. The timber of this man was sound. It was sound all through. At a time when hollowness or rottenness seem to surface with disheartening regularity, this was a comfort. I think we felt this soundness and relied on it more than we knew.

+HUGH GILBERT

Bishop of Aberdeen



We pray that Archbishop Tartaglia may rest in peace with the Lord Whom he loved and served in this life.

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Church groups express their sorrow

ARCHBISHOP PHILIP BELIEVED in and supported the work of SPRED which he described, while Bishop of Paisley as “a beautiful and sensitive example of the work of the laity in the Church.” At a time when SPRED was in a financially difficult situation the Archbishop visited the SPRED Centre, listened carefully to the Board’s concerns and left us in no doubt as to his wish to see the work of SPRED continue in the Archdiocese. He worked with his staff and our Board to help put SPRED on a more secure financial footing, including the establishment of the annual second collection in aid of SPRED. During lockdown he was interested to receive news of SPRED via these newsletters and remembered us in prayer as you will recall from the lovely video message he recorded for us. It is our turn now to pray for him, that he may rest in peace with the Lord whom he loved and served in this life.

*Lisbeth Raeside, Glasgow
SPRED*

I am so shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of His Grace this morning.

Over these years as Archbishop I got to know him so well and both Sandra and I feel a void in our lives today.

I will miss him very much on a personal level but also on behalf of the Knights of St Columba. I know he was really looking forward to carrying out his role as National Ecclesiastical Advisor and we were so happy to have him with us.

Please be assured of our prayers at this very sad time.

God Bless

Charlie McCluskey – Knights of St Columba

WE MOURN THE passing of our beloved Archbishop Tartaglia.

As we’ve been processing the news and praying for his soul, his family and the Archdiocese, we’ve been reminded of different things he’s said and done. From humorous memories like him chiding us over our love for pineapple pizza to many more profound ones of his loving fatherhood, his encouragement in the faith and his great love for the Lord and Our Blessed Mother.

Archbishop Tartaglia loved his people, most especially his ‘dear young friends’ as he always called us, the young

Messages of condolence arrived from numerous Church agencies, clergy and religious. They spoke of his special interest in their work and his quiet encouragement of their service of God and His Church ...

people of the Archdiocese. He delighted in spending time with his young friends, from breaking open the Scriptures to praying before the Blessed Sacrament, hearing our Confessions and even enduring icebreakers so that he could meet us individually and personally. He was always calling us on, inviting us to draw closer to the Lord, to learn more about our faith, and to pray.

Today, as we are saddened by our loss, let us pray for Fr Gerard Tartaglia, our Director and the Archbishop’s brother, their family and our community here in Glasgow. As well, let us offer our heartfelt prayers for the repose of his soul, that he may be welcomed into heaven and united with Jesus whom he deeply loved.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may he rest in peace. Amen.

Youth Office – Archdiocese of Glasgow

On behalf of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDM) I offer our most sincere condolences at the sudden death of Archbishop Philip. May he RIP.

Mass will be offered at Ladywell Convent in thanksgiving for +Philip’s life and ministry as we entrust him to the God he served so faithfully.

FMDM sisters who served in the Archdiocese always valued +Philip’s support of religious life and how he valued their presence in the parish. He will be greatly missed. Be assured of our ongoing prayers and support at this very difficult time, compounded of course, by Covid 19.

Every day, as long as this ‘today’ lasts, keep encouraging one another (from today’s 1st reading)
*Sr Jane Bertelsen fndm
Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood*

WE OFFER OUR sincerest sympathy and prayers to the family, friends and relatives of the Most Reverend Philip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow, honorary member of the San Ambrosio Society. We extend those same prayers and sympathies to the archdiocesan family of priests and people, deacons and religious, and to all members of our society who were especially close to the archbishop. May he rest in peace.

Que el Buen Pastor acepte el alma de este siervo suyo para que continúe su adoración del Santísimo en la liturgia celestial.

*Fr Michael Briody, President,
San Ambrosio Society*

It is with deep emotion that the Pastoral Community of Valganna (Italy) learned of the death of his Brother in faith Archbishop Philip Tartaglia.

Thanks to the common friendship with Father Renato Coronelli, we learned to know his deep faith that he was able to manifest in the simplicity that can only come from knowledge.

We cannot forget his availability towards our community during his stay in Italy at the Seminary of

Venegono, just as we cannot forget the greeting he wanted to give us during the ceremony of his settling in the Saint Andrews Cathedral in Glasgow.

Unfortunately, the pandemic situation in which we live will not allow us to be able to participate in the obsequies, but we can ensure our closeness in prayer. We are close to his family, to friends of Paisley community and to all the Scottish and non-Scottish faithful who had the grace to meet him on their journey.

May he rest in peace.

Pastoral Community of Valganna, Italy

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR sincere sympathy and prayer on the sudden death of Archbishop Philip. R.I.P. We will be united with you in prayer...

We also pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for Monsignor Bradley in his role as administrator and for the appointment for your new Archbishop.

Patricia Grady ODN and Sisters Company of Mary Our Lady, Cobham, Surrey

MOTHERWELL DIOCESE



Bishop Toal, clergy and parishioners, in the Diocese of Motherwell express our sadness on the death of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia. We offer the support of our prayers to his family and the community of the Archdiocese of Glasgow, and join with them in commending his soul to the tender mercy of our Loving Father through the saving power of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

As a leader in the Church, he showed a faith that was straight-forward and re-assuring, and from that came the wise counsel which he offered in the deliberations about and the decisions taken in so many areas of the Church’s Mission in Glasgow Archdiocese and in the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland.

We thank God for his service to the people of God as a bishop, a parish priest, a teacher and a lecturer, as he strove to bring the gospel to others.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE.
ST MUNGO, PRAY FOR HIM**



Archbishop Mario's tribute to Archbishop Philip

I HAD just finished celebrating Mass for the Feast Day of our Archdiocesan Patron and the founder of our city, St. Mungo, during which I had prayed for our clergy, religious and faithful, and had paused in the words of the Eucharistic prayer at the invocation for "our Bishop Philip". I had made up my mind to send him greetings for the feast day, a short message of "Buona Festa".

I was at the computer preparing that message when the Archdiocesan Chancellor, Mgr Paul Murray, clearly emotionally upset, informed me of Philip's sudden death. It was a shock which I am sure was shared by all who heard it, and like me, all who heard it were greatly saddened.

The immediate providence which occurred to me was that he had been called by the Lord to Himself on the Feast of St. Mungo, to whom he was the successor, a consolation in that, as

I have so often experienced as a priest, it manifested divine favour at the time of the death of a faithful servant: "Come you blessed of my Father...". We are always in the Lord's care, but for it to be so evident is a great consolation.

I, and all who recently saw Archbishop Philip on our screens, are left with two powerful images.

The first dates back to the period when there was a temporary lifting of the lockdown which had required the closing of the Cathedral. We saw on the news the Archbishop reopening the great doors of the Lord's House with a magnificent gesture of evident satisfaction, assisted by a great gust of wind enlarging the action.

Everyone who had followed the streaming of his Masses during that closure period was well aware of his sadness. Not everyone is likely to know that during the last Mass he celebrated



with a full congregation, the Mass on St. Joseph's Feast day, the day of churches closing, he broke down several times, such was his dis-

stress at having to close the doors of the Cathedral.

Another moment which sums up the man ... on the day he was able to throw open the doors again, after engaging with the photographers who had come to capture the moment, he made his way straight to the Blessed Sacrament Altar to spend some time in prayer there in the presence of the Lord.

Archbishop Philip's devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, was demonstrated by his choice of the Holy Eucharist as the subject of his doctorate at the Gregorian University in Rome following his earlier studies in Philosophy and Theology, as a student of the Pontifical Scots College, which he subsequently served as Dean of Studies, and later still as Rector.

His episcopal coat of arms bears the symbols of the Eucharist, the five loaves and two fishes, to which St. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, brought the attention of Jesus, who blessed them and by them fed the 5000, thereby prefiguring the institution of the Mass at the Last Supper.

Philip's motto came from the Benediction hymn, O Salutaris Hostia: "Da Robur fer Auxilium" (Give Strength; provide Support). He needed both in an episcopate which included the tragedy of the helicopter crash on the nearby Clutha Bar, and the Covid pandemic, to the victims of which he gave his own strong support.

The second powerful im-

age which fills my mind is of the blessing given by Archbishop Philip from St. Andrew's Cathedral, incorporated into the online Ecumenical and Civic Service marking the Feast of St. Mungo.

Archbishop Philip had, over the years of his episcopate in Glasgow, faithfully attended this service which brings together representatives of the Christian communities in the City, and the City Council and its institutions, led by the Lord Provost, who, at its conclusion, lays a wreath on the tomb of St. Mungo in the Lower Church. It struck me at the time how beautifully the Archbishop had given the blessing to the participants and to the City, and how appropriate it was ... an image now to be treasured.

The appropriateness was enhanced by its coming from the seat of the Archbishop, successor of St. Mungo, in the Cathedral which faces the Clyde into which the Molendinar Burn, beside which St. Kentigern (Mungo) established his seat as the first Bishop of Strathclyde, now secretly empties its waters.

Archbishop Philip loved celebrating Mass in the Cathedral, returning to a practice which had been more regular in times past. I made a habit of joining him on major occasions and he always welcomed me warmly. In this way I could signify my support for him and benefit from his homilies, which were inevitably of sound doctrine, a characteristic of



him in his years of teaching students for the priesthood, and preaching to the faithful in the parishes he served, not least as parish priest of St. Mary's Duntocher which he loved and from which in 2005 to took up his obedient appointment as Rector of the Scots College in Rome.

The following year he was appointed Bishop of Paisley and I had the privilege of ordaining him in St Mirin's Cathedral.

It seemed to me that he filled the office of Archbishop of Glasgow with the same sense of dedication and possession that he gave to his parish, and on the

many Sundays on which he preached during the lockdown it was as a parish priest reaching out to his extended parish and sharing his people's concerns, offering words of consolation and encouragement.

He loved the Church, and suffered with its tribulations of recent years, leading his fellow bishops in addressing them as President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.

He loved the City of Glasgow and the east end of the city where he grew up in a large family where his parents had established their business, typical at

that time of an immigrant Italian Family. No one ever mentions his parents without saying how lovely they were and how hospitable. They were proud to have two sons ordained as priests. To the surviving members of his family the Catholics of Glasgow reach out in gratitude, solidarity and prayer.

Perhaps only third to the love of his family and of the city of Glasgow was his love of Celtic Football Club. I don't recall ever seeing him so animated and so much enjoying himself as at a dinner in the Hospitality Suite of Celtic Park on the occasion of the 100th anniversary



sary of the Knights of St. Columba, founded in this very city.

When I hear reference to "The Glasgow Boys" I think of the distinguished painters of the Glasgow School of Art and their followers. I think Philip thought rather of the distinguished players of his football team, and of the Lisbon Lions! (We all have our idiosyncrasies, though I don't think zealous support of Celtic is regarded as idiosyncratic in the Catholic communities of the West of Scotland, quite the contrary!)

And football was not only a wholesome diversion from the hard work of administering a large Archdiocese; it was a natural choice for him - faith, family and football was the culture in which he had been brought up, and which he loved.

The first Preface of the Mass for the Apostles addresses thanks to the Lord ... "For you, eternal Shepherd do not desert your flock, but through the blessed Apostles watch over it and protect it always, so that it may be governed by those you have appointed shepherds to lead it in the name of your Son".

Shepherds come in all shapes and sizes with different gifts of nature and grace. At a time of unprecedented moral confusion in society with conflicting political ideals and ideological novelties and in the midst of a pandemic, we were given a shepherd who fulfilled St. Paul's injunction to Timothy (2 Tim. 4, 1-5), - remarkably the reading of the feast day Mass for the day of his passing from this life to eternity:

"Proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome insist on it...The time is sure to come when, far from being content with sound teaching, people will be avid for the latest novelty, and

then, instead of listening to the truth, they will turn to myths. Be careful always to choose the right course; be brave under trials; make the preaching of the Good News your life's work, in thoroughgoing service".

Such was the life of Archbishop Philip. Such is the Providence of God. *Requiescat in pace.*

ST ANDREWS & EDINBURGH ARCHDIOCESE



Our heartfelt sympathy to the family, friends and all at the Archdiocese of Glasgow on the death of Archbishop Tartaglia.

May he rest in peace.

FROM ALL AT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST ANDREWS & EDINBURGH



PAISLEY DIOCESE

We would like to offer our condolences to the family and friends of Archbishop Philip and all at the Archdiocese of Glasgow on his sudden passing.

Forever in our thoughts and prayers.

May he rest in peace.

BISHOP JOHN KEENAN & CLERGY



The Archbishop close up

Collaborators recall his dedication and passion

MONSIGNOR **HUGH BRADLEY**
ARCHDIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

WHEN I received the phone call from Canon Gerry Tartaglia to inform me that his brother, the Archbishop, had died the sense of shock was immediate, closely followed by sorrow and feelings of loss. Personal loss and diocesan loss.

In my reflections and prayers since that moment, as well as my personal sadness, I have moved on to feelings of gratitude for the life of a true apostle.

I have worked closely with Archbishop Philip since I was appointed General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland while he was the President. Subse-

quent to that appointment he asked me to work with him as his Vicar-General.

Truly I was privileged and blessed to be able to collaborate with him in his sacred ministry as our Archbishop. Every day was a learning moment for me.

I have been impressed by his intellect, his personal holiness and his wholehearted commitment to his ministry. He was a man of great compassion. He showed love and support to his priests, especially those who may have been struggling a little.

He was, literally, moved to tears at some of the tragedies that have afflicted our city in recent years, most recently the coronavirus pandemic. Throughout the pandemic he remained

faithful to his ministry of preaching the Word, doing so every weekend from the Cathedral.

Poignantly, one of the most profound lessons he taught us in these months can be found in the homily he preached on the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day, just last November. Among the beautiful thoughts he offered us that day the following quote really resonated with me, especially given his own return to our Father:

"Although we are mortal and we will all die, we can be sure that we were not made for death, and that death will not have the last word. We were made for eternal life, for glory, and for heaven."



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'He knew being an apostle meant carrying Christ's cross'

CANON **PAUL GARGARO**
VICE-CHANCELLOR

As his brother, Canon Gerard, said at the reception of his remains into the Cathedral the night before his Requiem Mass, it's just so hard to believe that Archbishop Philip is no longer with us.

We've heard over the last few weeks how much his ministry affected all of us in the Archdiocese. On a personal level, I first met him when he was appointed Rector of the Scots College and I was a deacon preparing for my priestly ordination (which, coincidentally, was to be the same day as his, the 30th June, the feast of the First Martyrs of Rome).

In those months leading up to ordination he shared his deep love of being a priest, of being able to celebrate Mass, hear Confessions, anoint the sick, of interceding with God for His people. His encouragement then had a lasting impact on me.

He was soon appointed Bishop of Paisley, but on my return to Scotland I was appointed curate to Canon Gerard and so met him from time to time when they were visiting.

I fear both of them de-

spaired at my ignorance of Celtic!

It was on his appointment as Archbishop of Glasgow that I really got to know him, when he appointed me as Vice-Chancellor to assist Mgr Murray in the chancery and to advise on matters of canon law.

Our office was next door to his, and so we saw him day in and day out, in the best of times and the worst of times: the 400th anniversary of St John Ogilvie, the visit of the relics of St Therese, and the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy all stand out as times of great joy; the scandal of Cardinal O'Brien, dealing with safeguarding allegations against clergy, having to close some churches, and the current restrictions on public worship just some of the challenges he faced.

Over the nine years of his episcopate in Glasgow he appointed me as parish priest in St Jude's and St John Ogilvie's and then moved me to be parish priest at St Patrick's, offering me the chance to minister in two quite different parishes but both filled with hard working and devoted people.

He created me an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral

Chapter, thanking me for my work in the office and, perhaps, also as a bit of a bribe to accept the office of Judicial Vicar, managing our national Tribunal!

This last office has taken up most of my time over the last couple of years, but still kept me in touch with him, since he was the Bishop-Moderator of the Tribunal. His trust in me in giving me each of these parishes and ministries is something for which I am truly grateful. I have met, ministered to, and worked with so many great people.

Others have rightly spoken about the joy Archbishop Philip found in visiting schools and parishes and his care for the people he met, and we saw plenty of that in the office too, but the one thing that stands out for me from working with him, that others might not have seen, was the seriousness of being a bishop.

He knew that being an apostle meant carrying Christ's Cross: the difficult decisions, the challenging conversations, the worries, the sleepless nights.

I pray that he may hear Christ now say to him: "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest".

MONSIGNOR **PAUL MURRAY**
CHANCELLOR

As Chancellor of the Archdiocese, my office is next door to the Archbishop's which meant almost daily contact, and a unique opportunity to get to know him better and to understand the demands made on the man called to be leader of the Church in Glasgow.

A Chancellor's role is to take care of archives and ensure that due process is properly followed and documented in the various day to day activities connected with the Archbishop's Office.

I soon discovered that the Archbishop was a stickler for these things – not because he relished bureaucracy – (he certainly didn't!) – but because he was a man of the Church, who loved the Church, and who strove to be the Bishop the Church wanted him to be. That was why it was so important to him that things were done properly.

Often this meant that documents I had prepared for him would come back to me covered in his very distinctive handwriting (and always in red ink) with 'suggestions' for grammatical and stylistic improvements.

It was very clear that the Archbishop took the responsibilities of his office seriously and very personally. In a large, complex Archdiocese like Glasgow the demands were unrelenting and often very difficult –

there were days that you could almost physically see the weight on his shoulders when there was something on his mind.

But he never shirked these or offloaded them to others. He would regularly consult and ask an opinion (he was a morning person and liked to call us to meetings at 7am in his home to avoid the distractions that would inevitably come later in the office) but we were never in any doubt that he was the boss. He would listen to us and go away to make up his own mind. No decision was ever made by committee.

Intellectually gifted, with a Doctorate in Theology, the Archbishop shared his knowledge over the years in a variety of posts in seminaries. As Archbishop, he was always interested in the latest articles and theological developments although not all of them pleased him!

This was not the area, however, that gave him the greatest satisfaction. It could take several efforts to get him to agree a date for a lecture or academic event, but he would fill his diary recklessly with visits to parishes for Confirmations and times of prayer with young people, despite our best efforts to persuade him to leave an evening free for himself.

If he disappeared from his office you were sure to find him in either the Youth Office or the RE Office – this was the work that really satisfied his pastoral heart and

it always left him refreshed and energised. I think he sensed that this investment in young people was not so much about passing on doctrine but was more about giving youngsters the equally precious gift of hope in a troubled and uncertain world.

He carefully built up his pastoral fund during his time as Archbishop with the intention of investing it in his dream of a City Centre Chaplaincy Centre for the students of the various city universities and colleges. He used to say that this would be his 'legacy'. Sadly he didn't live to see it but that doesn't matter.

Like many who are called to high office in the Church, Archbishop Philip accepted that the necessary demands of good stewardship meant that he had to devote much of his time to administrative tasks which he carried out conscientiously and to the best of his ability. But deep down I know he had that intuition that his most fruitful work lay in those things which more closely resonated with his original calling as a priest: Preaching the Word, celebrating the Sacraments, meeting privately to support a struggling priest, Lectio Divina with young adults...

With my parishioners and the whole Archdiocesan community I pray that this is the legacy for which he will be rewarded in heaven. *Requiescat in pace.*

Politicians recall 'graceful leader'

SCOTLAND'S political leaders were among the first to pay tributes to the Archbishop when news of his death was announced.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, who heard the news of his death during a parliamentary debate, said: "Archbishop Tartaglia was a fine man who was much loved within the Catholic community and beyond. I always valued my interactions with him and he will be greatly missed."

Justice Secretary Humza Yousaf said: "I was deeply saddened to hear the news of the passing of Archbishop Tartaglia. I have many fond memories of conversations we shared over years. He was a regular visitor to Catholic schools in my constituency, where he spent time engaging with pupils and staff."

Deputy First Minister and Education Secretary John Swinney, who shared a platform with the Archbishop during the Caritas awards ceremony, said: "He was a graceful leader of his people and I always valued my discussions with him."

Douglas Ross, leader of the Scottish Conservatives

BY BRIAN SWANSON said: "His death will be keenly felt within the Catholic Church and across the wider community."

Glasgow City Council leader, Susan Aitken, added: "Archbishop Tartaglia was a Glaswegian. He was born and grew up in the East End of our city, he knew its people and the challenges faced by ordinary citizens, regardless of their faith or beliefs."

"He brought attention to issues, from the plight of asylum seekers to nuclear weapons at Faslane, and kept the need for social justice firmly in the public consciousness. He was also unafraid to use his position to challenge deprivation, austerity and the ill-effects of welfare reform when he believed it was his duty to call them out."

"That keen social conscience, compassion and the leadership he offered to his congregation during turbulent times will be a loss both to them and to the city as a whole."

And in Westminster, Scottish MPs from across the political spectrum signed



Unveiling statue of "Homeless Jesus" in Glasgow
Picture by Paul McSherry

an Early Day Motion which read: "This House notes with sadness the sudden death of the Most Reverend Philip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow, on 13th January 2021; notes that this date is marked in the Catholic Church as the Feast of St Mungo, the founder and first Bishop of Glasgow, and that Archbishop Tartaglia was considered to be the 40th Successor of St Mungo; and further notes the many tributes paid to him as a wise theologian, and warm-hearted, gentle and generous shepherd of his flock and pastor of souls; and sends its sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to his family, to the Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese of Glasgow and the wider community of Glasgow and Scotland."



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Requiescat in pace.



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Lord grant him eternal peace.



Faith leaders unite to recall 'a man of great integrity'

Ecumenical and Inter Faith representatives were deeply touched by the Archbishop's death. Among the messages of condolence were the following:

CONSOLATION IS FOUND in the Christian faith, but the sudden death of Archbishop Tartaglia brings sadness to his friends and colleagues at Glasgow Cathedral.

His passing on the 13th Day of January 2021, when we remembered the city's Patron Saint St Mungo, gives cause to commend the work and ministry exercised by Philip in this city and beyond. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and the Church Community of the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

With love and prayer from all at Glasgow Cathedral

Mark Johnstone

Minister at Glasgow Cathedral

THE REACTION TO Archbishop Philip's death throughout Scotland has shown the esteem in which he was held. He made a big impact and there is real gratitude for the care he offered to individuals and to the city community through times of crises. He offered thoughtful insights and critiques to our civic life and spoke up for those who often found themselves marginalised.

Many of my colleagues who trained for ministry at the University of Glasgow have fond recollections of attending lectures by the Archbishop as part of their training. This highlights the wide range of his gifts – from pastoring to administration to academic gifts.

We are grateful for the



Picture by Paul McSherry

effort that Archbishop Tartaglia invested in ecumenical relations with partner churches including ourselves. One of my regrets about the pandemic is that

it has precluded in-person meetings between our city's church leaders so I have not had the chance to participate in these during my year as moderator. Nevertheless,

I know that Archbishop Philip was generous in his interactions with colleagues from our denomination and others.

Writing in a personal capacity

I wish also to record gratitude for the Archbishop's role as president of St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. My wife and myself adopted our

boys through St Margaret's, so we always have a particular affection for anyone associated with the Society, as we cannot speak highly enough of their work.

I know that the next few days and weeks will be challenging for you all. We know that God will give you the resources you need to meet these challenges.

Once again please know that we bring you all to the throne of Jesus Christ as we pray for you all. As a Christian community may you know the peace and comfort that He brings and may you know the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the times ahead.

God bless,
William Wilson
Moderator of Presbytery of Glasgow

PLEASE ACCEPT MY condolences and prayers for you and the priests of the Archdiocese of Glasgow and to Archbishop Tartaglia's family.

Elsbeth Glasgow
Glasgow Churches Together

WHILE I DIDN'T know Philip personally, I know that a couple of my current and former colleagues at the Baptist Union of Scotland have met Philip on a number of occasions over the years at various ecumenical services and events.

We pass on our condolences to Philip's family, friends and his colleagues at the Archdiocese of Glasgow. We give thanks for a life well lived in dedication and service to God.

Martin Hodson
General Director, Baptist Union of Scotland

THINKING OF ALL of you who are part of the Roman Catholic Church as you grieve Philip's death. We join with you in giving thanks for his life and witness and leadership. We pay tribute to him in his Christian life. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. You can all be assured of the prayers of the Methodist people.

These are difficult days; may each of us know grace and peace as we witness to the God of hope.

Andrew Baker
Superintendent Minister – Strathclyde Methodist Circuit

I AM WRITING to express my sincere condolences on hearing of the passing of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia. Though I did not have the opportunity to meet with him personally, I know that he was held in high regard by those who knew him well.

I wanted to share that you have both been in our thoughts and prayers here at Centre for Good Relations, and I hope that the memories you have of Archbishop Philip will bring comfort in the weeks and months ahead. I'd like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to his loved ones and the Catholic community of Glasgow.

May he rest in peace.

Abdul Rahim,
Senior Practitioner – Centre for Good Relations

WE WERE SADDENED and disturbed to learn of the sudden death of Archbishop Tartaglia. As is often the case at such times, testimonies emerge of personal qualities for which many are appreciative. Such has been the case with Archbishop Tartaglia,

whose warmth and interest in individuals has been spoken of many times in recent days.

Please may I, on behalf of all at Grasping the Nettle, convey our sympathy and condolences.

Be assured of our prayers for those in leadership as they begin the process of filling the gap that has suddenly been created in the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

Iain Morris
on behalf of Grasping the Nettle

WE WRITE WITH heavy hearts, deep sympathy and our dedicated prayers for you all as you live with the sudden loss of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia.

A leader of great integrity, with a deep love for social justice and the gospel, he will be missed not only by the people of Glasgow and Scotland, but by all people of faith.

On behalf of the Iona Community we share our condolences. We will continue to pray for his soul and for God's church.

Ruth Harvey (Leader) and
Martin Scott (Convener)
Council of the Iona Community

IT IS WITH great sorrow that I write. Heartfelt condolences on the passing of H.E Archbishop Tartaglia. We share in your loss and feel a great loss in our own community. May the dearly departed soul rest in eternal peace.

With Thoughts and Prayers
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Celtic connections

Throughout his life Archbishop Tartaglia retained a passion for Celtic which was never more evident than in this article he wrote for *Flourish* several years ago describing, for the first time, the agony and ecstasy of watching his team's greatest triumph while a young seminarian at Blairs College in Aberdeen.

I WAS sixteen years of age when Celtic took the field in the European Cup Final on 25th May 1967. I was also a 4th year minor seminarian at St Mary's College, Blairs. I was Celtic daft and football mad.

That day was the Feast of Corpus Christi and a holiday of obligation. By match time, we already had celebrated High Mass and played a game of cricket. To our frustration, football wasn't allowed in the summer term so as to allow the football pitches to recover for the next season.

Most of us hated cricket, but we went at it manfully. Strange to relate, I once got a medal for having a half-decent bowling average.

However, that day, our minds were on the Lisbon game and specifically would we be allowed to watch it on tv? At that time, we had a very strict Rector in Blairs – Canon Daniel P Boyle, who was a holy man and a genius, and (we were told) an Oxford Blue in cricket and soccer. He was also from the East of Scotland and wasn't really a Celtic man.

In order to watch the match, the Rector would need to schedule Solemn Benediction at a time which would accommodate the game.

We waited to hear.

There was mild delirium when eventually we got the news from on high that Benediction would be at 4.45pm and would conclude in time for the 5.30pm kick-off.

I think the priests on the staff must have exerted some pressure on our martinet of a Rector and told him there'd be a mutiny if the b(h)boys didn't get to watch this historic game.

The 1966–67 season had been something special. We had already won the League Cup, the Glasgow Cup, the Scottish Cup, and the League Championship. In the seminary we were no less excited than every other Celtic supporter. A measure of the huge excitement and expectation which in-

fectured us all at Blairs can be gleaned from this episode.

In Blairs, lights out was about 9pm. After night prayer, a priest would come to the dormitory area, sprinkle us all with holy water and give us a blessing.

The priest on duty on the night in question was Fr David Brown, the Master of Discipline, who also taught Greek, at which I was quite good. We all knew that Fr Brown, even if he was from the east of Scotland, had been a good footballer in his day.

With the seminarians he was a reserved man who made sure the College rule was kept.

Excitement

It was the night of the first leg of the semi-final against Dukla Prague. We had to be in bed before the final whistle. We didn't know the score at Parkhead. We weren't allowed radios in the dorms.

At the end of the lights' out ritual, we thought that was it. We'd need to wait until morning. It was the Grand Silence. It was a major breach of the rules to talk between night prayer and morning.

But then, about five minutes after we had all settled down, Father Brown came back, and, to our utter amazement and delight, announced the score: Celtic 3–1 Dukla.

Pandemonium ensued. It took Fr Brown all his time to get us to shut up. His streeted shot up immediately in my estimation. It was sign that this was a special year and we might just do it!

My memories of the Lisbon match are episodic. I don't recall my surroundings all that well. We watched the game as a year group in our somewhat dilapidated form room, but I couldn't say who I was sitting beside. I was totally focused on that black-and-white grainy tv picture and Kenneth Wolstenhome's disbelieving commentary.

I was amazed at how well



Meeting Lisbon Lions
Picture by Paul McSherry

we played and how much we dominated the game. I was despondent when Inter got their penalty and scored. But Johnstone and Lennox were roasting the Inter defenders. There were a number of close things, including hitting the bar. Inter hardly got up the park at all. It was more of the same in the second half, and I thought Willie Wallace and Bobby Murdoch

must score. Then came the equaliser from big Tommy G, God rest him. For a moment I feared it was going to be ruled offside because one of our players was returning from an advanced position. But Kurt Tschenscher, the German referee (I'll never forget him!), pointed to the centre circle. And the rest is history.

Inter's resistance was broken and they were put out

of their misery when Stevie Chalmers turned in a Bobby Murdoch cross-shot on 85 minutes.

Tension

The final 5 minutes were an eternity. Even Big Jock was feeling the tension as he went for a wander up the touch line. Full time. Pitch invasion. Big Billy holding aloft the big Cup. Fantastic.

But back in Blairs-world, the programme was supreme. We had to go back to the Assembly Hall where the Rector addressed us before supper. I can't remember what it was about. He never mentioned the game or the result. He just told us all to calm down. But that evening in Lisbon, 50 years ago, the football world had changed and we knew it. Hail hail!



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His rule of life: Mass, the Sacraments, prayer and good example

As the former editor of *Flourish*, **Father Vincent Toal**, now Parish Priest of St Michael's, Dumbarton, is uniquely placed to provide this warm tribute to Archbishop Tartaglia, who, by happy coincidence, not only ordained him in 2018, but began his own ministry as a deacon at the church where Father Toal now serves.

PICTURES BY PAUL MCSHERRY

If you didn't really know Archbishop Tartaglia and were only finding out about him through coverage of his untimely death, then three characteristics will have stood out – faith, family and football.

So, it was pleasing to recall that this familiar tagline was evident in the pages of *Flourish* at the time of his appointment to Glasgow in the summer of 2012.

We'll kick off with football.

In his fine tribute at the Reception of the Remains in St Andrew's Cathedral, Canon Gerard Tartaglia spoke warmly of his big brother's avid support of Celtic and knowledge of the

game. And, as he hinted, Philip was also an accomplished player throughout his youth.

Although he only spent a year at St Mungo's Academy as a 12-year-old, it remained one of his proudest boasts that he made it into the under-13s team.

"There were some really good players in the school, so I was pretty chuffed to be picked." The gap of half-a-century couldn't disguise his pride.

When he arrived, aged 18, at the Scots College, Rome, in 1969, he quickly found his feet and played a pivotal midfield role for the *Scozzies* over the next seven years. "I was a decent ball player,



with good touch and vision, but a wee bit slow," was his candid assessment, 40 years later.

It was striking to look back to the day of his appointment as Archbishop and read again Canon Gerard saying how the family had "always been there for one another – even when playing football".

More pointedly, he added: "While the family is delighted and proud of Philip's

As editor of the in-house paper, I joined the bench of journalists at two archiepiscopal unveilings. The emergence of Archbishop Conti – "an innocent from the north" as he described himself – in January 2002, was a genuine surprise (even though George, the Jannie, had spotted him being smuggled in the back door).

By contrast, Archbishop Tartaglia's appointment in July 2012 was the fulfilment of much speculation and expectation. For many years, it seemed inevitable that this would be his destiny. On the day, he neither appeared nonchalant at the prospect nor daunted by the challenge.

"For some reason, I was calm about it," he told me. "There had been a lot of speculation and I knew my name was being considered. I had been praying that I would be ready to accept whatever was the decision."

Between the call from the papal nuncio – in the airport at Lourdes, at the end of the Paisley pilgrimage – and the



public announcement, there was a period when he had to keep the news to himself, even when on holiday with his very inquisitive sisters.

On the day of his installation, September 8 – happy to have provided an excuse for those sisters to get new rigouts – he recognised how

the Tartaglia family had always been there for one another. "We know what we mean to each other, who we are, where we come from

and know Dad and Mum are in our midst with their love."

This simple, heartfelt sentiment was echoed by Canon Gerry at the funeral vigil.

Revisiting my reporter's notebook – okay, archived copies of *Flourish* – I was struck to recall that Archbishop Tartaglia's appointment came on the eve of the Year of Faith, called by Pope Benedict. Faith was the watchword of his ministry.

He saw it as his essential task to promote a more persuasive faith witness.

"To be a Church fully alive we need to overcome any embarrassment we might feel and be ready to share the gift of faith with people around us," he told *Flourish*, in a set-piece interview on the day of his appointment, after the TV cameras and reporters had gone.

"Every day, we rub shoulders with people who tell us they don't care about religion, or who insist that faith is irrelevant. Well, these are our opportunities to share the immense richness



of the gift that we've been given. Faith makes sense. It is Christ who inspires our hope and motivates our charity – and we shouldn't be afraid to say so."

It was this unfussy, straightforward expression of belief which Bishop Hugh Gilbert neatly defined as Archbishop Tartaglia's "robust Catholic spirit".

In that first interview – he never gave many, afterwards! – the Archbishop suggested that the need to "live faith integrally" remained a "holy grail" of Catholic life in Scotland.

"When our beliefs and practices are routinely ridiculed, the instinct is to keep the head down. That's understandable. But, when you consider that Christ is the answer to humanity's deepest longings and points the way for society to progress, we betray our essential calling as Christians if we fail to acknowledge Him."

The Archbishop wasted no time taking this message to the people of the diocese as he celebrated Mass in each of the nine deaneries. While our photographers captured memorable images, I was supplied with electronic copies of his homilies, drafted beforehand... Thank you, very much!

Looking back, I was reminded how he was at pains to engage with young people in understanding and living out their faith.

Recalling his own childhood in the East End and visits to his grandparents in Anderston, he insisted it was not rocket science: "Mass, the sacraments, prayer, good example of adults – it's how we trans-

mit the faith to children and young people."

Speaking directly to them, he encouraged: "Don't be afraid. Don't be disheartened by prophets of doom. Don't be intimidated by the dominant culture of cynicism and unbelief. Engage with your faith, with your whole heart and mind, and I guarantee that you will find there a unique joy and fruitfulness for your life."

Seven years on from reporting Archbishop Tartaglia's introduction to the Glasgow hot seat, I witnessed his engagement with

young people from a quite different vantage point as parish priest of St Michael's, Dumbarton.

Celebrating Mass in thanksgiving for the Golden Jubilee of St Michael's Primary School, he raised the already joyful spirit a few more decibels by asking the children for an encore of their pitch-perfect action hymn, How Good is the Lord.

As his patron, St Philip Neri wrote: "Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life."



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The National Director, Fr Vincent Lockhart, and staff of Missio Scotland wish to give thanks to God for the life of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia and for his support to us over the years, both as the Archbishop of Glasgow and as a member of our board.

Archbishop Tartaglia's love of football was well-known and Missio Scotland, and the Glasgow Catholic Schools FA, are very grateful for the way in which he encouraged Catholic Primary Schools in the Archdiocese to take part in our Pope's Charity Cup. This competition will remain one of his many legacies.

May he rest in peace.

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We have very happy memories of his visit to the parish to celebrate Mass for the opening of the new St Brendan's Primary School and, very shortly before his sudden death, to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation and finally, just before Christmas, to bless the new altar, ambo and tabernacle plinth.

These were very happy and joyous occasions and we pray for him and remember him with great affection.

May he rest in peace.



“The timber of this man was sound. It was sound all through. At a time when hollowness or rottenness seem to surface with disheartening regularity, this was a comfort. I think we felt this soundness and relied on it more than we knew..”

St Andrew's Cathedral was almost empty at 12 noon on 21 January 2021 as the Requiem Mass was celebrated for Archbishop Tartaglia. Covid rules had forced the liturgy to take place behind closed doors.

Despite the restrictions people in their thousands followed the Mass with sorrow and devotion and listened to the homily of **Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB**, Bishop of Aberdeen and President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.

His words were widely praised for capturing the impact and the personality of Archbishop Philip. We publish them here in full.

PICTURES BY PAUL MCSHERRY

“ANYONE who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.”

There are so many settings in which to have known Archbishop Philip: as a member of his family, or in his school and student days, in Rome, in the seminaries and parishes he served, as Bishop of Paisley and Archbishop of Glasgow. There were the many circles he moved in: of ecumenical dialogue, Catholic education about which he was so engaged and realistic, the civic life of Glasgow, not forgetting its sport. So many people touched by him, so many aspects to a life, so many perspectives to view it from. Three score years and ten. Our memories are fragments of a greater whole, and that whole – the mystery of a person – is in the mind and hands of God. “On the earth the broken arcs, in the heaven a perfect round.”

Today, in Christ, we remember Philip's life, we give thanks for it and we pray for its completion and the comfort of the bereaved. We bring him and ourselves before God in a literal and metaphorical great Eucharistic prayer of hope and affection.

Roots

The image that comes to me is of a great tree felled unexpectedly in the middle of the night – Storm Covid. And only when we woke up the day following did we begin to divine what had happened, did we begin to grasp the depths of its roots, to see the space this tree occupied, the shelter it gave,

and what we've personally and collectively lost. This uprooting has changed the landscapes of so many lives. “Tree” seems right. The timber of this man was sound. It was sound all through. At a time when hollowness or rottenness seem to surface with disheartening regularity, this was a comfort. I think we felt this soundness and relied on it more than we knew.

Wholeness

Eulogy is no part of a liturgy. It's the last thing Philip would have wanted; he was not a self-advertising man. It's not what we want; we are probably still too numb. But the prohibition of eulogy doesn't mean we have to talk abstractions. Surely we can acclaim the providence of God, the presence of Christ and the action of the Holy Spirit within him, from his birth seventy years ago to his committal today, from his baptism to this Eucharist, from the pouring of that first water to the final sprinkling of his remains. There seems a rare wholeness here. Surely we can acknowledge how the grace of his baptism and of his ordination grew and flowered in him, how the Lord was indeed his shepherd and through him shepherded others, how his priesthood became a true spiritual fatherhood which has left its trace on all of us.

Looking at it from our side, we are commending to God today someone who wasn't small in any sense, someone of gravitas, and someone in whom head and heart came together, possessed of intellectual force and clarity and



at the same time of great human warmth. There have been so many testimonies to this (and my thanks to all who have sent condolences). He might have passed his life in the green pastures of dogmatic theology, by the restful waters of seminary teaching (if they exist) or of promising ecumenical dialogue, but he accepted pastoral assignments and he cherished them. He had a gift for friendship and insight into people. During our Ad Limina visit with the Pope in 2018 he said to the Holy Father, “I miss the parish”, and got a delighted pa-

pal thumbs-up. As a pastor, especially here in Glasgow and for a while in Edinburgh too, he had plenty of valleys of darkness to walk through, with others, with unsettled priests, survivors of abuse, victims of accidents, and he did so in such a genuine, heartfelt way. The bin lorry episode, the helicopter on the roof, his concern for asylum seekers. A lady from my own diocese whose father died in the James Watt Street fire of 1968 sent me this: “I have happy memories of the Archbishop when he so kindly agreed to celebrate Mass for my dad and

the many others that died in James Watt Street. It was said exactly fifty years later, it was beautiful and he spoke with gentleness and love. I felt truly humbled when he talked about my life during the homily. Somehow his love and understanding took away so much of my pain. I will always be grateful.” “He wept with those who wept”.

Alive

For myself, I only came to know Bishop / Archbishop Philip after becoming bishop myself in 2011. But I had already encountered him during the papal visit the year before, at the Mass at Bellahouston. Bishops and Abbots were waiting in a tent. He went out to look at the singing crowds, full of young people, and he came back with his face flushed,

and we know with what consequences. We need to be more careful of each other's hearts.

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crying, “The faith is alive! The faith is alive!” This wasn't a tired, box-ticking cleric; he seemed an almost childlike enthusiast.

So the memories remain: voicing our apology for child abuse in this Cathedral, preaching to seminarians in the crypt of St Peter's, urging them in his halting, straight from the heart way, to put Christ at the centre of their lives, everywhere and always, and find their integrity in him; responding explosively to a paper put before him at a bishop's meeting, “Where's Christ in this?”, or after a glass or two

of wine at a late Spanish dinner in Salamanca launching into the intricacies of 16th-century Eucharistic theology.

How good, how consoling, that he should go to God on the solemnity of St Kentigern.

I have to say I feel his eye on me as I speak. It's a little unnerving. “Get it right, Hugh, get it right”. This tree had a root: the deep Catholic Christian faith he had received from his family. And through that faith flowed the sacramental sap that nourished and greened his life. It wasn't hard to choose

the readings: the Eucharistic climax of the discourse from John chapter 6, Isaiah's vision of the banquet on the mountain-top, the Psalm that ends with the feast in the Temple, when the Lord as an accompanying shepherd becomes at the end a welcoming host, precisely the future we wish for Philip.

Here was the heart of the man. Here, along with his family, were the loves that moved him: the Gospel of John, the person of Christ, God and man, born of the Virgin (he loved our Lady), risen from the dead and the same Lord's real, substantial and permanent presence under the appearances of bread and wine, the food of our soul and the pledge of our resurrection. These are the things that held him together, made him a whole, and gave him the holding power he had. It's for believing and confessing and preaching these things he would want to be remembered: *floreat praeconio verbi*.

Fascinated

It's on this basis he would want his beloved archdiocese and the Church in Scotland to move forward. He could say, in dark moments, “do we still believe in the Eucharist?” He could also say, “I find people are fascinated if you speak to them of Christ.”

“On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations; he will destroy death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek.” So the prophet. “Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.” So the Gospel. “In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.” So the Psalmist.

With these words, with this hope, let us comfort one another and go on.

The great tree goes into the earth as a seed, to rest through the winter of time in “the dear green place”, to rest and to be raised incorruptible. Man's winter, God's spring.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

The sorrow of a brother

Vigil homily of Canon Gerry

I CAN'T believe it I just cannot...

We are speechless and yet we have experienced the most extraordinary outpouring of support and faith – the great faith of the Archdiocese of Glasgow, the faith of the community of faith of Scotland has gushed this week, it has nourished, strengthened and supported me and I hope it has strengthened you as well.

I hope you have been able to take some comfort from the knowledge that so many others are with us at this time.

It is strange that there are only 20 of us here in the church; it is strange that we are not able to comfort one another ... but that is how it has to be.

Philip spoke often about the challenges and the difficulties and the human cost and the social and spiritual isolation that has been created because of this horrible virus, while at the same time pointing out how we are drawn together in solidarity facing this together and struggling with it and, please God, soon coming out of it.

Philip took us to his heart and loved us as all the more for it.

There are so many things I could say about Philip – well he's your brother, he's your uncle, your friend – we all know him, we know what he's like...

We know what he likes, we know how he is, we know what makes him laugh, what brings him joy, what troubles him...

We know this, we know what kind of man he is.

Of course, as a younger brother he's always been a big part of my life – it's undeniable. I'd never quite say it to Philip, but of course I looked up to him -how could you not? Brilliant at football, great in school, a terrible singer!

And always when he came home from seminary it meant for me a number of weeks going to Celtic Park because Philip just wouldn't miss a game.

It was one of the great joys of his life following the Bhoys but it didn't define him, not really.

He loved football, absolutely adored it, and you know how much of it he watched and he knew all the players, who was good and who was average and who was rubbish!

But more than anything Philip loved the Church, he loved the liturgy, he loved the word of God, he loved the sacraments,



he loved Jesus Christ -the heart and soul of his life.

And when we hear the words we heard tonight in the Gospel when Jesus says to Thomas and to the others ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one can come to the Father, except through me,’ Philip knew this in a way that went beyond the words.

He understood that to journey more deeply into the life of God the Father is what we are here for

and the sure way of doing that is through Christ.

It was second nature to him. There are many rooms in my Father's house, it said in the Gospel tonight. Well if you were ever at a funeral at which Philip was the celebrant you could be sure, you could be confident of the mercy of God.

You could be sure that God looked with love upon his son or daughter who had died, that the merciful God, the God of love was the one who would meet them and welcome them into his presence.

There are many rooms in my Father's House...

Philip loved St John's Gospel. He loved it for its theology, he loved it for its powerful imagery, he loved it for the way in which it draws us into understanding the nature of Jesus so that by the time you have read St John's Gospel from start to finish you understand that our destiny is to live with him forever with the Father in Heaven.

And now Philip in his turn goes to meet the Father and my prayer tonight for Philip is the prayer that is the same for every single person that dies, no matter who they are, no matter how holy or how much they may think of themselves as a sinner.

It's the same prayer, that the Lord will forgive us our sins, purify us and make us fit for Heaven and bring us into the company of Jesus and Mary and the saints.

We, his family and friends, are particularly close to that because not only do we pray that Philip will be welcomed into the company of Jesus, Mary and the saints but into the company too of our dear sister, Dina, who died only six months ago and of course our dear parents, Guido and Annita whom we miss so much still and for whom we have never ceased to pray.

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Across the world, he left his mark on us

I WRITE TO express my great sadness at the sudden death of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, earlier today. I know that the priests and people of Scotland, and Glasgow, in particular, will be saddened and shocked by Archbishop Philip's death, sentiments which are shared throughout England and Wales.

I have often enjoyed Archbishop Philip's warm hospitality and admired his pastoral sense and sharp mind. His leadership will be greatly missed. Two days ago, on 11th January, Archbishop Philip celebrated his 70th birthday. And, today, on the Feast of St Mungo, the Patron Saint of Glasgow, we pray, trusting in God's great mercy, that he has celebrated his Dies natalis, the

Bishops worldwide have spoken movingly of their meetings with Archbishop Philip and the impression he left on them. From as far away as New Zealand, Cardinals, Archbishop and Bishops have written to the Archdiocese to express their sorrow. We publish a selection below:

day of his second birth into eternal life. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

And, may our Blessed Mother whose own heart was pierced by the Sword of Sorrow, and St Mungo, intercede for all who mourn the death of this inspir-

ing archbishop. With faith and trust in the Lord Jesus, I offer Archbishop Philip's family and friends, and the priests, religious, and the people of Glasgow and, indeed, all of Scotland, my prayerful support and consolation.

I assure you all, too, of the prayers of the bishops and

the Catholic community here in England and Wales.

*Yours very sincerely
+Cardinal Vincent Nichols,
Archbishop of Westminster
President, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales*

I AM VERY much grieved at the demise of His Grace Philip Tartaglia, Metropolitan Archbishop of Glasgow.

In the name of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, I convey to you, Priests, Religious and the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Glasgow my prayers and heartfelt condolences. I remember with gratitude the support and encouragement the Archbishop extended to the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, especially in appointing a priest – Rev. Fr. Johnson Mathew Manayil, of our Church to cater to the pastoral needs of our Faithful over there.

On this mourned occasion, I convey prayers and condolences of all the Bishops of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church. May the departed soul rest in peace. It is my earnest prayer that God may grant him Eternal Reward in heaven. I assure you and all the members of the Archdiocese of Glasgow, my prayers.

May the Lord console and strengthen you all.
*+Baselios Cardinal Cleemis
Major Archbishop – Catholics of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church and Major Archbishop of Trivandrum*

I WRITE TO express my deep and prayerful sympathy at this time at the death of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia. I had met Philip on a number of occasions and greatly admired him. The Archdiocese has lost a wonderful leader and pastor, whom I know will be greatly missed.

Please be assured of my prayers and sympathy at this time.

With all good wishes and blessings,

*Yours sincerely in the Lord,
+John A Cardinal Dew,
Archbishop of Wellington*

I REMEMBER ARCHBISHOP Tartaglia on many occasions in Rome, especially during the meetings of the Synod of bishops, and during the meetings of the CCEE.

I'm sure that all the good that he did for the Church in Scotland and for the Universal Church will remain as a legacy for the future.

I will remember Archbishop Tartaglia in my prayers and when I will celebrate the Holy Mass.

*+Archbishop Paolo Pezzi
Metropolitan of the Mother of God in Moscow
President of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Russia*

I WAS INDEED deeply pained to learn about the rather unexpected demise of my good friend Archbishop Philip Tartaglia.

I can understand how shocked all of you – the Clergy, the Religious and the Laity of the Archdiocese of Glasgow – must be with this rather sudden departure of your beloved Shepherd.

We first met in Rome, as participants of the World Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization. We happened to be in the same Circolo Minore and Philip was chosen to be the Secretary of our group. He carried out his task very diligently and efficiently! During those days of the Synod, I had the privilege of knowing Philip from a closer range and developing bonds of friendship with him.

During one of our conversations, I spoke to him about the need this Archdiocese had of sending a young priest to Rome for his doctoral studies and I asked him if he could help us by offering board and lodging to this priest in the Pontifical Scots College. I was indeed overjoyed with the prompt and positive response that I got from him.

Accordingly, Fr. Agnelo Pinheiro, of this Archdiocese, not only stayed in the Scots College and completed successfully his Doctorate in Philosophy in the Gregorian University, but also got the opportunity to exercise his priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Glasgow

during the summer months, thanks to the kindness of Archbishop Tartaglia.

In the course of time, my friendship with Philip grew stronger, and a few years later, I had the opportunity to meet him again during the Synod on the Family. At that time, he was kind enough to invite me to a dinner he had hosted at the Pontifical Scots College for the Prelates of the English speaking world. I was, in fact, looking forward to seeing him in Goa on a visit to this Archdiocese, for which I had invited him more than once. The Lord, however, had different plans for His faithful servant.

While conveying my heartfelt sympathies to all of you, I wish to join you in thanking and praising the Lord for the gracious gift of this dedicated Shepherd who went about spreading the fragrance of God's love and goodness during his earthly pilgrimage, but very particularly during the journey of his priestly and episcopal life and ministry.

May the Good Lord, whom he served so faithfully, now reward him with the fullness of everlasting bliss in His Kingdom.

+Filipe Neri Ferrão, Archbishop of Goa and Daman

WE HAVE HEARD with sadness of the Archbishop Philip Tartaglia's untimely death on Wednesday 13th January.

I write to assure you of a place in our hearts at this difficult time for you.

I will personally celebrate mass for your intentions as well as for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Tartaglia.

*Yours in Christ
+Paul Swarbrick
Bishop of Lancaster*

WITH DEEP SORROW, I heard from Rev Fr. Johnson Manayil that His Grace Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Philip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow, passed away. On behalf of the entire faithful of the Syro-Malankara Church in Glasgow, I express my heartfelt condolences on the demise of His Grace Most Rev Dr



Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Philip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow. I assure our prayer for the departed soul and for the Archdiocese of Glasgow. May the Almighty God strengthen the Archdiocese with his Spirit during this difficult time!

His Grace was closely related to the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church and always encouraged our priests and faithful in Scotland. Indeed, it is because of his special interest we could start a Mission Centre in Glasgow

and have Father Johnson Manayil as the Chaplain. I personally had a chance to meet His Grace at his residence last year and I was moved by his unassuming approach and lovely conversation.

May his soul rest in eternal peace!
*+Yohann Mar Theodosius
Apostolic Visitor to Europe and Oceania, Bishop of Muvattupuzha – Syro Malankara Rite*

St Joseph's Parish Milngavie

The Parish Priest, Deacon and parishioners of St Joseph's, Milngavie offer our sincere sympathy to Canon Gerard Tartaglia and all the family on the death of our Archbishop.

May he now enjoy the reward of his labours.

St Maria Goretti PARISH

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Archbishop Tartaglia and the priests and people of the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

He will be mourned and sadly missed.

May he rest in peace.

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Glasgow remembers its 'own' Archbishop

I AM WRITING to express my condolences at the unexpected news of the death of The Most Rev Philip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow.

His Excellency received me very kindly when I visited Glasgow before taking up my posting to the Holy See in 2016, and I will always remember him with affection. I also had enjoyed his company during the last Ad Limina visit.

I know that in his long service to the Church he carried out many important roles with distinction, and that he will be much missed. Please pass my condolences to the Bishops' Conference, and please convey my sorrow that Archbishop Philip is no longer with us.

*Sally Axworth
British Ambassador to the Holy See*

TRULY SADDENED BY the news of Archbishop Tartaglia's sudden passing I would like to express my personal condolences and those of all the staff at the Italian Consulate General in Edinburgh, to the Archdiocese and the Catholic community in Glasgow. May his soul rest in peace with the Lord.

*Fabio Monaco
Consul General of Italy*

MYSELF AND ALL my colleagues at the French consulate in Edinburgh are very saddened by the news that broke this Wednesday about Archbishop Tartaglia's passing. I had the honour of meeting His Grace a few months after my arrival in 2019 with my colleagues from the Consulate and from the French Embassy in London and I remember vividly His Grace's kindness, intelligence and humanity.

As you know, there is a large French community in Glasgow and I know some of its members were familiar with Archbishop Tartaglia and your Parish. The whole French community in Scotland was touched and thankful for the solidarity shown by Mgr Tartaglia in January 2015, after France was the victim of terrible attacks in Paris. Mgr Tartaglia has remained a great support for us since then and as a representative of the French government in Scotland, I am grateful and will not forget.

On behalf of the French

Archbishop Tartaglia's influence reaches far beyond the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese. Indeed in the weeks following his death, tributes were paid from the worlds of diplomacy, academia, business and education. The following selection gives an insight into the loss that was felt when he died on January 13.

community, allow me to express our deepest condolences to you all and to His Grace's relatives; the whole Catholic community is mourning.

*Laurence PAIS
Consul General of France*

HOW SADDENED I was by this unexpected bad news. After the Paris terror attacks in January 2015, Archbishop Tartaglia celebrated a Mass for the French community, and for French people everywhere, which I attended as Honorary Consul (I retired from that role in 2018). The Archbishop's solidarity and humanity touched us greatly. Please allow me therefore to record my lasting gratitude, and that of the French community in Glasgow. He was a good man, and we will miss him.

Requiescat in pace.
*John Campbell
Emeritus Professor of French –
University of Glasgow, Former
Hon Consul of France*



THE DEATH OF Archbishop Philip is a true loss for the city, for Scotland and for the Church, and I was deeply saddened to hear the news of his passing.

The University of Glasgow's relationship with the Archdiocese goes back to our very foundation – and in all the centuries that have passed since, our University community could have had no greater friend or advocate than Archbishop Philip.

On a personal level, I will miss his friendship deeply, but his loss will be felt far beyond those who were lucky enough to call him a friend. The whole of the Catholic

community in Scotland and beyond will mourn his passing, and I offer my sincere condolences to his family.

*Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli
Principal of the University of Glasgow*

IT IS WITH great sadness that I learned of the death of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia. On behalf of the entire University of Strathclyde community, I would like to express our sincere condolences to the Archdiocese, to Philip's family, and to his many friends.

As one of Glasgow's best-known sons, his loss will be felt acutely by both the Church and our wider community. He will be remembered fondly for his social conscience, his leadership, and his bright and inquiring academic mind.

We are thinking of you all at this difficult time.
*Professor Sir Jim McDonald
Principal of the University of Strathclyde*

I WRITE ON behalf of all the schools in Glasgow, but particularly our Catholic schools, to express our deepest condolences on the passing of Archbishop Philip.

You would expect all Archbishops to be committed to children's education but Archbishop Philip was more than just committed to our children. He showed warmth, caring and love when he was with them. He was exceptionally generous with his time celebrating mass with children, staff and families many times a year all across the city. Young people in secondary schools spoke so positively of his masses as he reached out to encourage them to follow the words of the Gospel. He has left us with lots of lovely memories.

On a personal note, I always enjoyed our meetings where we debated issues affecting education and the challenges facing Catholic education in modern society. We should not forget also that he was a much

loved brother and uncle. I hope that knowing how much people cared for him across the Archdiocese will bring his family some comfort at this sad time.

As administrator of the Archdiocese, you have a challenging role ahead. Please be assured of our ongoing support in these difficult times.

*Maureen McKenna
Executive Director of
Education, Glasgow City
Council*



I WAS SO sad on hearing of the passing of Archbishop Tartaglia, it was a great shock to the people of Glasgow, especially the Catholic community. He was a proud Glaswegian who loved the fact he had Italian blood running through his veins.

I really only got to know Phillip over the last nine years, I worked with him on a few projects, if we got together to discuss the Caritas Awards or the publication of *Flourish* the first fifteen minutes of any meetings would be consumed by talking about his beloved Glasgow Celtic, his knowledge on the history of the club would leave me mesmerised.

He was a joy to work with, although soft spoken he had a steely determination to get things done, I am sure as a young man growing up in the East End he never dreamed of one day becoming the shepherd to the flock of the Roman Catholic community in the city he loved so much, I was honoured to be asked to work with him, he will be sadly missed.

It was a great shame that we never got the opportunity to show our appreciation at his funeral service, I am sure thousands of people would have loved to have been there.

I will say goodbye in a way I know he would appreciate, YNWA.

*Lord (Willie) Haughey
City Facilities Management*

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extend our sympathy and prayerful support to all family and friends of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia on his passing. True to his missionary baptism, Philip reached out and faithfully proclaimed and celebrated God's Good News.

We pray that the sadness of Philip's passing is replaced with the joy of all who commit to God's will in their own lives and mature from being believers to become missionary disciples.

May God reward Philip's commitment with His eternal grace.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

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He will be forever in our prayers.

May he rest in peace.

ST MARTIN OF TOURS RENTON

The Parish Priest, and the Parishioners of St Martin of Tours Renton, wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family, friends and all at the Archdiocese of Glasgow on the death of Archbishop Tartaglia.

He will be forever in our prayers.

May he rest in peace.

St. Roch's Parish Church

The Parish of St Roch's Garngad would like to offer our condolences to the family and friends of Archbishop Philip and all at the Archdiocese of Glasgow on his sudden passing.

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May he rest in peace.

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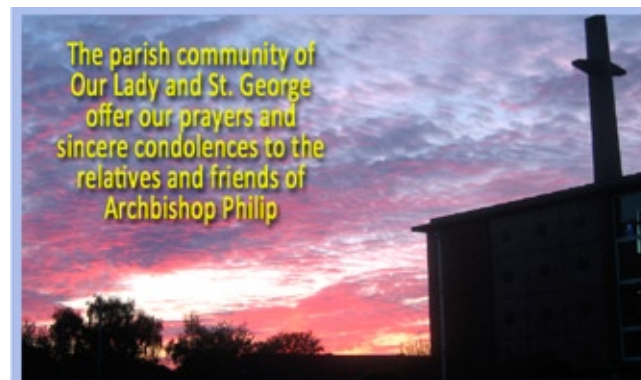
May he rest in peace,
from Fr. Charles McElwee
and parishioners of
Our Lady & St Mark's Alexandria.

St Joseph's, Faifley

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Stella Maris remembers

As a proud Glaswegian Archbishop Tartaglia took great pride in the fact that Stella Maris, the global Catholic charity which looks after the needs of seafarers, was founded in the city in 1920.

And the charity repaid the compliment, in its tribute to him, by describing the Archbishop as a 'good supporter of Stella Maris whose ministry was close to his heart.'

A spokesman for Stella Maris said: "He had celebrated our annual Stella Maris Masses in Glasgow since 2016 and last October he celebrated our Centenary Mass.

Centenary

In his homily at that Mass, he emphasised how Stella Maris' apostolate provides a much needed and greatly appreciated service to the seafarers of the world.

"Stella Maris has had to evolve and develop its mission over the years, Archbishop Tartaglia said, but its heart has not changed - a



Picture by Paul McSherry

heart that comes from Christ and seeks the intercession of Our Lady, so that Stella Maris can truly care in a human way for seafarers."

Deacon Joe O'Donnell, Stella Maris Senior Area Port Chaplain for Scotland had

BY BRIAN SWANSON

worked with Archbishop Tartaglia on many occasions.

He said: "I was very saddened by the sudden death of Archbishop Philip who was a very caring and gentle

man and was of great support to me in my ministry with Stella Maris and I will always be grateful for that. For me he was a man who lived his life based on the Beatitudes. May he rest in peace."



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EVERYONE at SCIAF was shocked and deeply saddened by the unexpected death of Archbishop Tartaglia.

His loss, on the feast of St Mungo, Glasgow's patron, was keenly felt by all of us at SCIAF and many across Glasgow and beyond.

Passionate

He is someone who was passionate about helping the least fortunate and actively supported SCIAF's work on behalf of the Church in Scotland. He served on our board from 2012-2017 and was always generous with his time.

Just last November he offered our annual remembrance mass for support-

BY ALASTAIR DUTTON

ers and friends of SCIAF who had died in the last year. In his homily he spoke powerfully about his affection for SCIAF and our mission.

"The mission of SCIAF, born from and sustained by the love of Jesus Christ, is to seek to lift people across the world out of poverty and to help them to achieve the change that is necessary for families, communities and nations to live and to prosper according to their human dignity, in peace and in justice.

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and that attracts many other supporters to SCIAF's good and honourable causes.

This is the vision that energised the people whose lives we remember at this Mass and for whose souls we pray this evening to commit themselves to support the mission of SCIAF.

Mission

Because of this pandemic and after it, the mission of SCIAF will be all the more needed across the world."

At the time, many of us here at SCIAF talked about how moved and inspired we were by those words, and at his passing we feel that even more deeply.

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Wee Box appeal in 2021 will double the difference

EVERY Lent, the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, thousands of Scots save money in their SCIAF WEE BOX to help give a hand up to people living in poverty.

By giving up a treat and putting what you save into a WEE BOX or fundraising online, you can make a lasting difference to families in some of the world's poorest countries. This year the focus is on helping children in one of the poorest countries in the world.

In South Sudan, a generation of children with disabilities are locked out of an education and trapped in a cycle of poverty.

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THE PASSIONIST COMMUNITY
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would like to express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy on the death of Archbishop Philip. He was a gentle and kind man, always a friend to us, and he will be sadly missed.

Lord grant him eternal peace.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to all family and friends of Archbishop Tartaglia.

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A man of God who talked football and made us a nice cup of tea...

I MET Archbishop Tartaglia for the first time during my Rite of Election in the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

During the ceremony I shook his hand, as did everyone there, but afterwards we were invited for tea and coffee and a chat. I was pretty nervous about meeting someone like him, the most senior bishop in the Church in Scotland – that's a big deal and I couldn't for the life of me think of anything interesting to say to him!

I was literally dragged up to shake his hand and chat to him when we had the opportunity to meet him for coffee and cakes. He was a very approachable man and I was immediately put at ease at the way he spoke to me, he seemed genuinely interested in me asking how my journey was going and I'm pretty sure we even spoke about football!

That was my first encounter with Archbishop Tartaglia and at that point and I walked away thinking, "well that's the last time I'm ever going to meet someone like him," but unbeknown to me I was to again meet him under very different circumstances.

In November 2013 not that long after my Rite of Election I attended the Clutha helicopter crash which happened not far from the Archdiocesan office. On arrival there we parked up the fire appliance right outside the



Picture by Paul McSherry

Firefighter Stevie Craig met Archbishop Tartaglia twice ... once at a happy celebration and once in the shadow of tragedy. In this article he recalls the impact of those meetings and the lessons he learned

main door and as you can imagine it was pretty hectic and it was a while before anyone took a break.

Some three hours had passed and unfortunately for me nature called and I was, to use the local term, burst-

ing! I couldn't find anywhere to go and remembered not long ago that there were toilets in the Archdiocesan building. I approached the door which was locked and knocked.

An older lady answered,

her name escapes me but it didn't take much explaining what I was needing and she let me in.

Afterwards she was asking what we were doing and talking about the accident and I happened to mention we were waiting on some hot drinks and food as we had been on duty for a few hours and hadn't stopped. Immediately she said that if I didn't mind waiting, she would go and get me some hot tea and coffee. So as

not to be rude I agreed and stood there for about 10–15 minutes. As I was about to leave (because people were wondering where I was) she re-appeared with a big tray of hot coffee and following behind her was Archbishop Tartaglia with a tray of fresh cakes!

I was taken aback. Here was this man who, only weeks ago, I was too nervous to even talk to and now he's bringing me cakes and coffee and asking me how I am. I led them back to our appliance and he promptly handed out hot coffee and cakes which went down a treat which on its own was a very nice gesture, but he also took the time out to speak to me and others around

us, asking if we needed anything, and asking how we were managing.

He said that the doors to the building and church would be open and anyone was very welcome to come in and use the facilities or even to take some time out if needed in the peace and quiet of the church itself.

Over the coming days I would take him up on that offer.

These were the only two occasions I ever met the man, but on both very different situations he was exactly the same, approachable, friendly and appeared genuinely interested in me as a person.

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Our dear friend you will be sadly missed by All.

May the Lord grant him eternal peace.



The Parish Community of the Immaculate Conception extends our condolences to the family of Archbishop Tartaglia, especially to our parishioners and friends, Michael and Sylvia.

The clergy and parishioners of ST. NINIANS KNIGHTSWOOD

remember with gratitude the wise stewardship of the Archdiocese under Archbishop Tartaglia.

May his soul rest in peace.



What he really loved was to celebrate the Sacraments

Archbishop Tartaglia's devoted master of ceremonies has spoken of his deep sense of loss and sorrow at the death of the man he called 'a true friend'. And as he reveals in this article, they were united by a shared love of sport

FOR the past four years Stephen McBride stood, literally, at the Archbishop's side during Mass and in that time they developed a deep bond of friendship.

Stephen said: "I had such a great relationship with him that I just can't believe he's gone."

"Since his death, some of the priests and others have been kind enough to say that he valued my friendship very much and I really appreciate that."

His close working relationship made him uniquely placed to witness at first hand the Archbishop's deep spiritual life.

Stephen said: "He just loved the sacraments, absolutely loved them. I've done weddings and baptisms with him and I saw just how much the sacraments meant to him every time. He was actually a shy man but when

BY BRIAN SWANSON

celebrating the sacraments he just seemed so happy and full of life.

"The Archbishop was a stickler for starting on time and getting things right and I learned over the years to give him space and I think he appreciated that."

"And he loved confirmations – he'd do confirmations five nights a week sometimes and looked forward to every single one of them."

"He had such a warm way with him when it came to kids and so they felt relaxed in his company."

But there were darker moments too.

Stephen said: "I've seen him in tears at the altar, just before the first lock down, not for himself but for the people because he really felt for them."



"And on his last Mass at Christmas he insisted on standing outside at the side door to wish the people a happy and holy Christmas."

Although both men were

united in another kind of devotion, as lifelong Celtic fans, that was kept for off duty moments.

Stephen spoke fondly of the many times he and the

Archbishop went together to Celtic games.

Stephen said: "I always drove because it took away the stress of driving for him and looking for a place

to park. He was always in great form on match days – a real fan who really knew his stuff."

"After the game we'd both listen to the radio phone-ins which always gave us both a good laugh. He often joked that he would phone in himself but of course he never did."

Laugh

Stephen last saw the Archbishop on January 6 while he was self-isolating at home to bring some personal items he needed.

He said: "The Archbishop was having a walk in the garden and I saw him at a distance, we waved to one another and I left the stuff for him and left."

On January 13, two days after the Archbishop's 70th birthday he returned to deliver a card.

Little did he know that his friend the Archbishop had died.

Stephen said: "The loss of a friend like the Archbishop is hard to take. I was his master of ceremonies for four and a half years and I can't thank him enough for that honour and privilege."



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The Sisters of Nazareth, residents and staff offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Archbishop Tartaglia and to the priests and people of the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

He will be sadly missed.

May he rest in peace.



The parish priest and the parishioners of

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Forever in our thoughts and prayers.

May he rest in peace.

St Mary's Parish
DUNTOCHER

With deep sympathy to all in the Archdiocese of Glasgow on the loss of our dear priest Archbishop Philip.

He was a gentle and kind man who offered great warmth and compassion to his people.

Parish Priest of St Mary's 1995–2004.

He will be forever in our prayers.

May he rest in peace.



Catholic education was top priority for Archbishop

ARCHBISHOP Tartaglia's commitment to Catholic schools and Catholic education was total.

As a teacher himself – much of his ministry had been spent in seminaries – he knew the world of teaching and enjoyed the company of teachers. He would always say that Catholic schools are and should be the jewel in the crown of the Catholic community in Scotland.

Across the world 63 million children and young people are educated in Catholic schools. Catholic schools are the largest providers of primary and secondary education in the world outside the governments of China and India.

The Archbishop likes to quote that statistic when the role and value of Catholic schools was called into question!

And when the criticism of Catholic schools as promoters of bigotry raised its ugly head he had a decisive answer. As he said in a homily for school staff a few years ago: "You know how we are often subjected to comments that suggest that Catholic schools are a social anomaly, that they are an outdated phenomenon, and that they have no place in a progressive society."

"These comments, so often repeated, sometimes put us on the defensive and make us apologetic about Catholic schools. But the evidence from across the world shows us clearly that these comments come from ignorance and small-mindedness, and we can safely ignore them."



"So don't feel you have to apologise for Catholic schools, don't feel you have to apologise for being a Catholic teacher. Your profession and vocation is honoured all round the world, and you are part of a worldwide cohort of teachers who are making a difference to children and young people on a global scale. That is a service and a gift of inestimable value to communities and to societies, to countries and to the entire world. Well

BY RONNIE CONVERY

done, my dear friends and co-workers. I encourage you to be confident Catholic teachers."

The Archbishop was an assiduous visitor of Catholic schools and enjoyed such engagements. He never missed an opportunity to encourage teachers and on one occasion came up with these five golden pieces of advice:

- Be conscious of your vocation, of your calling as a Catholic teacher and as a teacher/staff in a Catholic school. Rejoice in that calling, for it is a sacred and important calling.
- Don't neglect to nourish own spiritual lives with prayer, with the Word of God and with the Sacraments. For you need the Lord's grace to sustain your vocation as a Catholic teacher.
- Be faithful to Sunday Mass. Go to Confession. Develop habits of prayer. Say the Rosary. Be aware of the presence of the Lord who calls you to follow him on the path of holiness and respond to him with faith and with prayer. Never doubt the importance of your witness of faith to the children and young people in your classrooms.
- The delivery of good lessons is of course central to a teacher's work. When those lessons are permeated by the teacher's obviously lived personal faith in Jesus Christ, then your pupils will really sense that, and education becomes Catholic education and formation in faith.
- Do not be afraid but trust in the grace and help of God; seek the intercession of Our Lady and of the saints. And be sure that your vocation and service as a Catholic teacher is precious and valued by the Catholic community and by me as your bishop.

If Philip Tartaglia was first and foremost a priest, his second great calling was as a teacher.

He loved to talk theology, he loved to encourage others in the faith, and in his life he offered the greatest lesson of all of fidelity to God and His Church.



Picture by Paul McSherry

He was so proud of our schools

THE centenary of the 1918 Education (Scotland) Act which introduced the system of universal free secondary education and brought Catholic schools into the state system, was enthusiastically celebrated by Archbishop Tartaglia.

He used the year-long anniversary to promote and praise Catholic schools at special Masses, in pastoral letters, formal gatherings and above all at school visits.

Part of his homily to teachers at a Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral to mark the anniversary summed up his pride.

He said: "We can be rightly proud of the last hundred years and more of Catholic education in Scotland. It has been truly a remarkable achievement. But I have no doubt that there will be more challenges, possibly even more arduous, in the next 100 years."

"And I am sure that good and resourceful people will emerge

from our communities and from the Catholic teaching profession, to devise ways and systems and programmes and protocols for confronting and overcoming these challenges.

"But we will always need a spiritual and supernatural core, based on grace, based on the Gospel, from which to engage with future challenges and to turn them into new opportunities for Catholic education."



Archbishop was Caritas champion

ARCHBISHOP Tartaglia was a passionate supporter of Catholic education and was never happier than when he was visiting schools and meeting pupils of all ages and abilities.

Every year he looked forward eagerly to addressing secondary pupils who took part in the Caritas award scheme initiated following the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Scotland in 2010.

The Holy Father urged young people during that visit to become 'saints of the 21st century' by volunteering time in their school and faith

communities, offering practical support to others, and by demonstrating that these actions of loving service are inspired by faith in God.

Enthusiasm

And the enthusiasm with which young people responded was the central theme of the address given in 2019 by the Archbishop, last year's event having fallen victim to Covid restrictions.

He said: "It is impressive to see that our children and young people have been qui-

etly working to continue the legacy of the special centenary for Catholic Education in Scotland that we marked last year.

"These 5000+ young people and children have been witnessing to God's love in their daily lives and using their gifts and talents at the service of others, demonstrating that Catholic schools are good for Scotland."

"We believe that these awards are, like our Catholic schools, unique... Through these awards, our young people find creative ways to

bring God's love to others.

"Let me tell you today: you are Scotland's faith witnesses. You can inspire the next generation of young people by your actions. You are contributing to the renewal of the Church in Scotland."

Renewal

"I invite each one of you to do something. Go back to your schools and parishes, and encourage a younger pupil – or an older parishioner – to follow in your footsteps, and may God bless you all."

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH BISHOPBRIGGS

It was with great sorrow and shock St. Matthew's Parish heard of Archbishop Tartaglia's death.

As a newly ordained priest, the then Fr. Tartaglia was a regular summer supply priest to St. Matthew's when home from Rome. He often spoke with fondness of the parishioners.

In the past year he was a great supporter of the renovations of the church, and the last time he was present in St. Matthew's was in the newly refurbished building to Confirm some of our young people.

May he rest in peace.



Archbishop Philip was a priest to his fingertips

As I watched the tributes to Archbishop Philip begin to appear in both the Catholic and secular media, there was one word in particular that seemed to keep popping up: "warm" – a simple, yet fitting word to describe him.

Archbishop Philip was a warm and compassionate man, much has been said of that, and many across our city have experienced this over the years.

At the source of this, was his priestly heart, he loved being a priest, it was intrinsic to who he was, and it was the way in which he was called to share the saving love of Jesus.

Much of his priestly life was spent forming priests for the Scottish mission, this is a huge part of his legacy, so I thought it might be worth briefly reflecting on my experience of his contribution to this important work in the Church.

Encounter

My first encounter with the Archbishop was in the late summer of 2004. Myself and two others were heading out to Rome to begin our studies for the priesthood. Archbishop Philip (or Fr. T as he was known then) had just been appointed by the Bishops as Rector of the Pontifical Scots College.

As was the case with first year students, we arrived six weeks before term began in order to take a crash course in Italian. I think it is fair to say, in those six weeks we learnt more than just the language... the three of us were the beneficiaries of a man once again familiarising himself with a city he loved, with a city that certainly left its mark on him.

In those weeks he took us to various churches and to some of the small towns on the Castelli outside of Rome to help us get a feel for the place we would call home for the next seven years. Fr. T spoke with enthusiasm about being a priest and about the whole experience of being at the heart of the Church, we really couldn't have asked for a better introduction, we had a Rector who still seemed inspired by his vocation and certainly we all experienced the warmth of his personality in those first, somewhat intimidating, weeks.

As the other students re-

turned, Fr. T began to mesh the community, he was very keen that we look after all aspects of our well-being.

After Sunday Mass Fr. T was usually the first on the football pitch ready for a game of fives (despite the age difference, he was one of the better players) and was always keen to play a tennis match on a Saturday (the less said about his tennis skills, the better!).

But he was also serious about what we were doing, perhaps somewhat unfashionably he saw seminary principally as a place of formation and not discernment – and this was reflected in his Sunday homilies, where he would always encourage us to grow in our friendship with the Lord, so that we could slowly conform ourselves to Him whom we were called to imitate, especially through the two pillars of his own personal faith, the Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Mother... he once went off text and told each of us to have an icon of Our Lady in our room and if we didn't he would get us one!

Icon

Over the years I have known the Archbishop (which compared to most isn't that long) the one thing that has been a constant, is his love and enthusiasm for the priesthood – from the personal encouragement he has given me in my own vocation, to his enthusiasm at meeting with the seminarians each year. As Archbishop he would regularly come along to lead a reflection at our discernment evenings, and any time he was at the University he

would not miss the opportunity to encourage some young lad to think about becoming a priest!

Above all, Archbishop Philip was a man with a sound priestly identity, he knew that the call to the priesthood was fundamentally a gift not for himself but for others, for the Church. He knew that at the heart of this identity was the call to share in Christ's office of teaching and sanctifying and he knew that above all, the priest's true self-realisation is found in his union with the Lord in the Holy Eucharist – he communicated these truths with warmth, and they have certainly left their mark on this inadequate instrument!

Mary, Mother of Priests... Pray for him.

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Monsignor Hugh is our new Administrator

FOLLOWING the death of Archbishop Tartaglia, and in accordance with the rules laid down by the Church's Code of Canon Law, the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese has elected a Diocesan Administrator.

The new Administrator of the Archdiocese will be Monsignor Hugh Canon Bradley, who has served until now as Vicar General under Archbishop Philip.

Mgr Hugh, having made the required Profession of Faith, now assumes day-to-day control of the functioning of the Archdiocese until the Holy Father, Pope Francis, names a new Archbishop of Glasgow.

A native of Croy, Mgr Hugh was ordained by the

late Cardinal Winning in 1989 and holds ecclesiastical degrees in philosophy, theology and Church history from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome as well as a BA from Strathclyde University in Glasgow.

Election

Mgr Hugh is currently Parish Priest of the historic old parish of Holy Cross, Crosshill, but has a wealth of administrative experience, having served as an official at the Congregation for Catholic Education at the Vatican, General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, and latterly as Vicar General of the Archdiocese.

Following his election as Administrator, Mgr Hugh said: "We are all still stunned and sorrowing following the sudden death of Archbishop Philip.

"We will have to prepare his funeral in the difficult circumstances of the current health emergency and in conjunction with his family. We hold him and them in affection and prayer at this difficult time.

"The role of the Administrator is to ensure the proper functioning of the Archdiocese until a new Archbishop is appointed. I will carry out that task to the best of my abilities, and I ask for the prayers of the clergy, religious and laity of the Archdiocese in so doing."



Prayer for the appointment of a bishop

O God Eternal Shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who loves and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

What happens now? Q & A

FOLLOWING the sudden death of Archbishop Philip, the College of Consultors – a group of senior priests – met to elect an Administrator. They chose Mgr Hugh Bradley, who had served as Archbishop Philip's Vicar General, to take on that role.

Mgr Hugh will ensure the steady running of the Archdiocese until a new Archbishop can be appointed. But how and when will that happen? *Flourish* has prepared a Q and A of the most common questions asked.

Q. When will the process to choose a successor to Archbishop Tartaglia begin?

A. The process will begin very soon. It will be the task of the new Papal Nuncio, Italian Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti to take soundings, and gather information on the needs of the archdiocese and potential candidates before offering a 'terna' of names to the Holy See. In Rome the Congregation for Bishops will examine the names put forward before offering the Holy Father, Pope Francis, a recommendation as to who should be the next Archbishop of Glasgow.

Q. How long will it take?

A. There is no time limit for the appointment of a new Archbishop. The Nuncio will be guided by the desire to put in place a new shepherd for the flock as quickly as possible, but will take all the time required to ensure the person chosen is the best man for the role. Many have speculated that the appointment could take between six months and a year.

Q. Will the Covid restrictions speed up or slow down the process?

A. As with everything the COVID restrictions are likely to complicate the process. Travel restrictions mean that the Nuncio cannot visit the Archdiocese or meet the bishops in person.

Q. Will the new Archbishop come from the ranks of Scottish bishops or can a parish priest be appointed?

A. Any bishop or priest could be appointed, from within or outwith the Archdiocese of Glasgow. (While Archbishop Tartaglia was a native of Glasgow, Archbishop Conti was a priest (and bishop) of Aberdeen Diocese and Cardinal Winning was a priest of Motherwell Diocese).

Q. Under church law must the new Archbishop be currently serving the Church in Scotland or can he come from elsewhere in the UK or even from another country?

A. It is not required that the new Archbishop be Scottish or serving in Scotland, though it is highly likely that he will be.

Q. Is there a lower age limit to be considered for the office of Archbishop?

A. The Code of Canon Law sets the minimum age as 35, but it would be extremely rare for a bishop to be appointed at such a young age. Canon 378 states that to be a suitable candidate for the episcopate, a priest must:

1° be outstanding in strong faith, good morals, piety, zeal for souls, wisdom, prudence and human virtues, and possess those other gifts which equip him to fulfil the office in question;

2° be held in good esteem;

3° be at least 35 years old;

4° be a priest ordained for at least five years;

5° hold a doctorate or at least a licentiate in sacred Scripture, theology or canon law, from an institute of higher studies approved by the Apostolic See, or at least be well versed in these disciplines.

Q. At what age does an Archbishop have to offer his resignation to the Pope?

A. At the age of 75.



Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti

Q. When a successor is finally chosen how is he told and by whom?

A. The normal practice is for the person to be contacted by the Papal Nuncio who will inform him of the Holy Father's desire to name him as Archbishop, asking for the person's consent to this nomination. Sometimes the Nuncio will ask the chosen candidate to come to London to be told in person, or the news could be given by phone.

Q. Are the others on the list ever made aware that they were under consideration?

A. No. The whole process is carried out under what is called the Pontifical Secret so that any information gleaned is never shared, and those consulted are not free to discuss the consultation even with close friends or relatives.

Q. Is the name of the successor the immediately made public?

A. The announcement date will be established between the new Archbishop-elect and the Papal Nuncio, taking into account many factors, including the need for proper communication with the clergy of the Archdiocese and the media.

Q. Will the new Archbishop be consecrated or simply take office?

A. If the new Archbishop is already a bishop he will simply 'take possession' of the Archdiocese at a ceremony similar to that which marked the beginning of the terms of Archbishops Conti and Tartaglia. If the new Archbishop is still a priest, he will be ordained (or consecrated) bishop during the ceremony at which he will take office.



**"Archbishop Tartaglia
was passionate about
helping the least
fortunate and always
generous with his time.**

**We are thankful for all
of his work. May he rest
in peace."**

Alistair Dutton, Chief Executive

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