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Message received by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP from Pope Francis on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the consecration of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool.

His Holiness Pope Francis was pleased to learn that on Pentecost Sunday you will preside at a Solemn Celebration of the Eucharist commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the consecration of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, and he asks you to convey his prayerful remembrance to all present. His Holiness encourages the priests, consecrated men and women and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Liverpool to remain open in the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and he prays that the cathedral may be a place in which all can encounter 'a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach.' (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 28) In commending all present and their families to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, the Holy Father willingly imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and joy in the Lord.

**Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State**