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Dear Father Adrian,

As the member of Polish Catholic community in Chesterfield I urge you to reconsider celebration a Mass in Polish language in a church in Chesterfield.

For many years, we have been celebrating Mass at The Annunciation Church and worshipping God as best we can - that is, in our mother tongue. Although our lives are slowly returning to normal and congregations can meet in churches again, unfortunately for us such this possibility does not exist. For many of us, for various reasons, it is not possible to attend a Mass in Sheffield.

Participation in the Holy Mass in Polish is not a sign of division and isolation. Many Poles are very committed and involved in the initiatives of the Catholic community in Chesterfield. Limiting the possibility of participating in the mass in the language in which we naturally worship God will not result in integration with the English community, but the departure of the people from the Catholic Church. Let's build bridges, not set up barriers.

We sincerely hope that our appeal will meet with a positive response, and you will honour the provisions of the Code of Canon Law and the agreement between the Episcopates in Poland and England and Wales regarding the activities of the Polish Catholic Mission in England and Wales.

Yours sincerely in Christ.

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Date

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Signature

Also sent FAO: Rt Rev Ralph Heskett CSsR, Bishop of Hallam