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DEPARTMENT OF DIALOGUE AND UNITY

Dear Jain friends,

It is my pleasure to forward to you a message from the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue in Rome for the commemoration of the birth anniversary of Mahavir, the 24th Tirthankara of Jainism. As you will remember Pope Benedict visited Great Britain last September. During that visit, he spoke of the importance of members of different religions sharing their spiritual experience and working together for the Common Good. In this message Cardinal Tauran reflects on the importance of religious freedom which is a matter of justice and is vital for our mutual respect and collaboration. I commend it to you and add the warm greetings of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Yours Sincerely

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