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St Andrew's Day 2020

150th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork

I am delighted to have this opportunity to send my greetings to you on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork.

The current Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, which was consecrated in 1870, stands on a site on which there have been successive places of worship since 606, when Saint Fin Barre founded a church and monastery there, just nine years after Saint Augustine founded his Cathedral in Canterbury.

This anniversary is a landmark for both the Cathedral Church and the Diocese of Cork, and I give thanks to the Almighty for his many blessings, and for the faithfulness of the Cathedral Church community as it continues its ministry in Cork. It is an opportunity to celebrate achievements and to renew your commitment to one another and the world through prayer, worship, fellowship, and by reaching out to others in service.

As you celebrate this anniversary, I pray that you will be richly blessed, both as individual disciples and as a Christian community, as you continue the story of this holy site.

He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundations on the rock. When the river was in flood, it burst upon that house, but could not shift it, because it had been soundly built. (Luke 6:48)

I wish you a blessed anniversary.

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby
Archbishop of Canterbury