

Archbishop offers prayers for Polish air crash victims

Following news of the tragic air crash in which the President of Poland and many other died, Archbishop Conti sent a letter to the Polish Chaplain in Glasgow to express his concern and solidarity.

In the letter, the Archbishop offers “my deepest condolences on the tragic deaths of the Polish President, his wife and members of his cabinet and the armed forces, and the other passengers on the aeroplane which crashed on the way to Russia on an important mission of reconciliation and peace.

“Our faith teaches us that by Christ’s death victory over evil was accomplished and the door opened to new life. My prayer is that, following that pattern, the sacrifice of the Polish people will lead to new prospects of abiding peace in the forgiveness of past atrocities, and the forging of new and future bonds of respect and cooperation with their Russian neighbours.

“May the grace of Christ’s passion and death console all who mourn with the assurance that those who have died with Christ will rise with Christ to a new life in the glory of the resurrection.

“I will offer Mass for the repose of all who have died in this tragedy. May they rest in peace.”