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*Dear Fr Galbraith,*

Thank you for your letter of 16 June 2018. I understand that this is the formal response from the three parishes to my proposal that was outlined to them on the Solemnity of Pentecost. I am grateful to you and to the faithful of St James', Christ the King and the Most Holy Trinity for taking the time, as per my request, to have an open meeting to discuss my proposition.

Having read the letter and the individual responses that I have also received, I was aware of the understandable and deep regret that my proposal has occasioned and so I have given the matter further consideration. Sadly, it remains my conclusion that, for the good of souls, I must proceed as I outlined to you in my letter of 14 May 2018.

While I understand that this is not the outcome for which some had hoped, all of the parishioners should be assured that the decision has been made slowly and over an extended period of time. In wishing to promote the good of souls, I have considered each parish community and building individually. I have also consulted widely and given serious thought as to how different parts of the Archdiocese can be pastored better, especially given the priestly resources that we now have at our disposal.

I enclose the Decree of merger (Prot. N. 18/18) which should be displayed prominently on the noticeboard of each church. Kindly draw the attention of the people to it. I have also instructed that the Decree be posted immediately on the chancery page of the archdiocesan website so that it can be readily inspected by interested parties.

The merger will take effect on 25 November 2018, the Solemnity of Christ the King. I would welcome the opportunity to come and offer Mass at Pittenweem around that time.

Please feel free to share the contents of this letter with the faithful in whatever way you consider best.

With prayerful good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

*+ Leo Cusley*

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