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Dear Friends

I am delighted to send greetings and good wishes to you and all Sikhs in Scotland as you celebrate the Parkash Diwas Guru Nanak Dev Ji on 8<sup>th</sup> November. This is an important festival for your community and a moment to remember your founder and recommit to his values and ideals.

With this letter comes a message from the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue in Rome which reflects on how we Sikhs and Christians can promote interreligious solidarity for the good of all. It encourages us to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need and to seek the good of all.

Many of us who are involved in interfaith relations know well the warmth and friendship that comes through getting to know one another, visiting one another's places of worship, experiencing one another's hospitality, and working together to better our society. This is a great witness to those who stir up hate, who are afraid of difference and retreat into their own closed communities.

Let us continue in this great work of interreligious dialogue to respect and honour one another and develop within our communities a common sense of responsibility for the welfare of the human family and of the earth – our common home.

Once again, on behalf of my colleagues the Bishops of Scotland, on my own behalf and on behalf of our Committee for Interreligious Dialogue, I wish you and all Scottish Sikhs a joyful birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and every blessing in this coming year. May your celebrations strengthen the bonds of love and unity in your families and communities and fill you with joy and peace!

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

+ Brian McGee

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