Diocese of Portsmouth

Hugh Faringdon School

Headmistress:
Mrs. C. M. McGoran, B.Sc., Dip.Ed.

Fawley Road,
Reading,
RG3 3EP

Telephone
(0734) 54730

31st January 1986

Mr Foley
The High School
Concorde
New Hampshire
U.S.A.

Dear Mr Foley, Staff and Students,

I am writing to you on behalf of 650 pupils and 45 staff at Hugh Faringdon Catholic Comprehensive School in Reading, Berkshire who feel with you and for you in the tragic loss of your well-loved and courageous teacher, Christa McAuliffe.

We can understand how you must have followed with pride her selection and training to become the first civilian in space and how each of you must have been with her in a very personal way as she climbed aboard the space shuttle. What happened later will remain with you always although, mercifully, time will soften the pain, and it will be in the knowledge that her living and dying will have had a profound effect on our world and its people and the exploration of worlds beyond our own, that you will find consolation.

Christa, her fellow space travellers, all their families and friends, and you her colleagues and pupils, have been remembered in our daily Communion service and our Chaplain will be offering Holy Mass in school for all of you next week.

May God bless you and comfort you all.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. McGoran.

Mrs C.M. McGoran
Headmistress