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Dear Sheila,

I am so glad that I had at least a telephone conversation with
Bell recently, when you were over here.

My involvement in Renewal came mainly with him at Grahamstown
and the first part of my episcopate came when he was archbishop. Indeed, I
can vividly remember arriving early at Robben Island and being included in the
conversation he was having with, I think, + Philip, about his retirement.

His Teaching was very formative to me and has remained with me ever
since: this despite his first opinion of me as an academic incapable
of anything non-cerebral! (that was when I was at Rhodes). I think

the Church in S. Africa will gradually take stock of what tremendous
insights he brought to bear, even though much controversy has thrown up
the dust since. His utter commitment was really needed to make S. African
Christianity the many-splendoured thing it is.

Thank you for all you, too, has done & been, patiently, with
him. We will also remember your ministry to us when a doctor's
prescription made Sally feel that her last hour had come.

Yours in Christ

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