



From: Sir Nigel Fisher, MC.,MP.



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

24th July, 1981.

*Dear Ian.*

Many thanks for your note of July 21st and for saying you will put my suggestion about the Pope to the Prime Minister. I should perhaps mention that I raised this at the meeting of the 1922 Executive yesterday, the members of which thought it an excellent idea and unanimously endorsed it. Edward du Cann said he would therefore put the suggestion to the Chief Whip.

*Yours ever Nigel*

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21st July, 1981

Thank you so much for your  
letter of 20th July.

I have put your suggestion to  
the Prime Minister about the possibility  
of the Pope addressing both Houses of  
Parliament, and will write to you again,  
as soon as I am able to do so.

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20th July, 1981.

*Dear Ian.*

I wrote to you ~~earlier~~ <sup>last</sup> ~~this~~ month suggesting that it might be a good idea, if and when the Pope visits this country next year, if he could be invited to address the Members of both Houses of Parliament in the Westminster Hall and asking if you could suggest this to the Prime Minister. But I have received no reply from you and I wonder if you have had an opportunity of asking her views about this? I can imagine Mr. Paisley would strongly object, but I really do not see why he should have a veto on UK, as ~~opposed to~~ <sup>well as</sup> Northern Ireland matters and many of our colleagues here, to whom I have made the suggestion, think that it would not only be an agreeable courtesy to the Pope and of great interest to our colleagues, but also that it would actually seem rather odd if Parliament did not invite him to anything during his visit. Perhaps you could let me have the Prime Minister's reaction in due course?

*Yours ever Nigel.*

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