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Dear Friends of Canterbury Cathedral,

Our beloved Canterbury Cathedral has been a place of pilgrimage, worship, celebration, and, yes, calumny over the centuries. It has survived enemies, both foreign and domestic, and benefited from support, both foreign and domestic. We—you—are an integral part of that overseas support effort.

As we embark on our fall appeal, I ask you to consider one aspect of the Cathedral's continuing outreach. Learning and education have always been a core Christian mission and activity from the time of Jesus onward. Canterbury has been paramount in that regard from its beginnings.

Today one of these core efforts worthy of our support is that of the International Study Centre. This entity, set up just nine years ago, has already brought together over 250 seminarians and priests and some 150 bishops as Canterbury Scholars from all over the world. They study together to enrich their spiritual perspectives, to strengthen their bonds of Christian fellowship, and to prepare them to return to their flocks with renewed conviction that we are all of one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

Help us keep this important venue alive. I hope you will join me in giving generously to FOCCUS, the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral in the United States.

Yours faithfully,



Peter James Lee
Chairman

A Pilgrimage to Canterbury, a spiritual and cultural sojourn to claim our Anglican roots, is being planned for next summer, 13-21 June 2011. Itinerary includes visits to Chichester, Winchester and Canterbury Cathedrals, the oldest parish church and the oldest alms house in England, and more. It will be led by The Rev Canon Matthew Corkern. For details, see <http://www.canterburyus.org/>