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Dear Friends of Canterbury Cathedral,

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This has been a difficult year for the Cathedral, as Dean Robert Willis has pointed out in his recent message to Friends in our March newsletter. Yet it's important to remember that the Cathedral has weathered worse storms over its more than a thousand years of history. And it has always come through because of the support of its faithful.

Those faithful made sure the magnificent building with its towering architecture and medieval windows survived wars, pandemics, and political and religious unrest. Pilgrims and clerics alike have honored its crypts and monuments. They respected its traditions daily in services and programs. At the same time, as this past year has shown, they adapted to changing needs and technology to expand and invigorate the Cathedral's reach.

Some Canterbury programs supported by FOCCUS, such as study and reflection opportunities for bishops and young clerics, have had to be put on hold this past year, but we all look for them to be reengaged soon. We also look forward to following in the long path of earlier pilgrims and visiting the Cathedral to enrich our spiritual lives once travel restrictions are lifted.

This May 28th we celebrate the feast day of St. Augustine, an auspicious day to remember the Cathedral's history and its unbroken potential. That potential is being realized because of past support like yours, for which we are all deeply grateful. Please join me in making a generous gift to FOCCUS to help ensure a continuing bright future.

Faithfully yours,



Powell Hutton  
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