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Dear Chris and dear Trustees of the "Friends for a UK Cenacolo Community",

We are writing this letter from the Mother House of the Community Cenacolo regarding the house in Dodding Green.

We wish to inform you that in recent months we have intensified our prayers to be able to discern what to decide about our presence in the United Kingdom, through the house in Dodding Green.

We are truthful in sharing with you that these have been difficult times due to the pandemic and as a consequence there has been a consequent drop in admissions into the fraternities all over the world, especially in Europe.

Many of our houses are in great difficulty, with few lads entering and the various community meetings for parents and friends have also suffered great delays and are still in great difficulty today. In addition, the current rules linked to the so-called "Brexit", which requires the request for Visas to stay in the United Kingdom, makes the situation even more complex.

We initially hoped to be able to send a new group of lads to reopen the house and community life in Dodding Green, but after much prayer and reflection, we have come to the conclusion that we are unable to do so.

For this reason, with deep regret, we hereby wish to inform you that we will not be able to reopen the house in Dodding Green.

We have also sent a letter to communicate this decision to Bishop Paul Swarbrick, and we wish to come to England in the next period to meet with you, to thank you personally for all the support received over the years and to see together how we can remain united with prayer and with service to people in need.

We would be very happy if the prayer groups and the meeting places for the help of young people could continue in some way, with the hope of being able to welcome the lads and girls from the United Kingdom needing help into our community in the Fraternities of Knock and Medjugorje, in which we are legally more capable to welcome UK citizens.

We personally wish to thank you all for all that you have done in recent years to support the Community Cenacolo.

We ask the Lord and the Virgin Mary, Queen of Martyrs, to reward You.

We pray for all of you and for all the people who love the Community Cenacolo in the United Kingdom, and we also ask you to pray for us.

Yours faithfully

On behalf of the Community Cenacolo

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