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Your Majesty,

It is with deep sadness that our Serbian Orthodox Church Eparchate of Great Britain and Scandinavia, including all people of Serbian Orthodox faith in Great Britain and Ireland, has received the news of the death of your mother, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As Bishop of the eparchate, I would like to extend my deepest condolences on your loss to you and to your family, both personally and on behalf of our diocese. During these days of mourning we shall be grieving with Your Majesty and your family as well as the people of the UK and the Commonwealth.

The dedication showed by Queen Elizabeth II in the service of her country, her people and beyond was to us a shining example of the role of a monarch in today's world. In full cognisance of your loss, let me assure you that she will be missed by billions of people throughout the world who found themselves in awe and respect of this amazing woman, a role model and inspiration to Christians and non-Christians alike. As a result of her efforts over seven decades and more, the monarchy was and remains a symbol of stability, continuity and sustainability; of centuries-old historical tradition for the entire European continent and indeed for the entire world. Moreover, Queen Elizabeth II demonstrated a personal capacity to touch the hearts of billions; a capacity to which other leaders could only aspire.

In our own hearts, the memory of her visit to our church of St. Sava in London, her connections with the Serbian royal family of Karadžević, the bonds of appreciation and admiration which her quiet, dignified personality forged with the Serbian people in the UK and our church as a whole will remain forever.

May the All-Merciful Lord receive the soul of your late mother Queen Elizabeth II with love, grant fortitude and consolation to Your Majesty and your family at this most difficult of times and strengthen and provide succour to you during the royal challenges that are upcoming.

With sincere condolences,

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