

The Bishop's House, 23 Davenport Road, Coventry CV5 6PW

THE BISHOP OF COVENTRY

The Right Reverend Dr Christopher Cocksworth

telephone: (024) 7667 2244

fax: (024) 7610 0535

bishop@bishop-coventry.org

4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

His Excellency Nasser Kamel  
The Embassy of Egypt in London  
26 South Street  
London  
W1K 1DW

Your Excellency,

I have had the honour of meeting you in the past. On some of those occasions we have been marking atrocities committed against the Coptic Community, sometimes when they are at worship, and acknowledging their suffering. I have very much appreciated your words on those occasions.

I now write to you to join your nation's grief at the recent outrage committed against another group of worshippers, this time the Muslim faithful at the al-Rawda Mosque in Bir al-Abed. This crime against humanity in which so many innocent people were slaughtered or injured is of devastating proportions, and my heart goes out to the very many people who are suffering its effect.

Please know that they – and the whole of your great nation – are very much in the prayers of the Diocese of Coventry. As Christians begin the holy season of Advent, we pray for an end to the violence that is causing such damage in so many parts of the world, and we pray for the peace that only God can give to be received by all people.

With my sympathies and prayers

*Yours sincerely*  
*+ Christopher Cocksworth*