



TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (Science and Sports College)

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Letter [J]

Dear Chair,

As you know my beloved wife Carla died at 12.20pm on Tuesday 6th December. The consultant later told me that the myeloma she suffered from was quite unique. In fact it was so aggressive it was beginning to mutate attacking all the major organs in the body including the liver. The care shown to her at Bartholomew was outstanding and Carla died with all our children around her. A local priest, acting as chaplain, Father Will Skene, came in to anoint Carla on Monday as well as hear her last confession. On Tuesday he returned at 11.30am to celebrate mass in the death room followed by the last anointing. Carla died peaceably. I held her hand, a beautiful woman who held me fascinated for over forty years.

As regards the funeral arrangements, Carla had the deepest affection for the friary, Father Quentin in particular, but she was also very close to Father Pat Sammon who, like Father Quentin, proved to be a real tower of strength over the last 19 months. Carla asked if her funeral could be celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes where many of our children received the sacraments. Father Pat has graciously agreed. It would be wonderful if Father Quentin and Father Skene could co-celebrate with him. The funeral Mass will take place at 11.00am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Wednesday 21st December followed by cremation at the London Crematorium. There will be a reception in the Lower Site hall on Wednesday 21st at 2.00 – 4.30 (I will pay all costs). The family will leave early as we intend to have a small family meal in the evening. Carla would prefer no flowers but if people wish to donate to the Henrietta Fund, set up to help families in need at Trinity, that would be very generous and deeply appreciated.

Kindest regards,

Dr P.C. Doherty OBE
Headmaster

