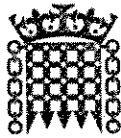


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Dear Father Charles,

I am writing to say how very grateful I was to you for my opportunity to visit the Institute of Psychological Sciences. When I originally heard about your organisation from Roger Scruton, it sounded to me like an excellent idea. I was not fully prepared, however, for the sheer depth and scale of the work you are undertaking. A high proportion of the people who come to see me at my constituency "surgeries" and write to me suffer at least in part from internal problems, the wounds of an increasingly dysfunctional and fragmented society. Quite frankly there is nothing in Britain doing the kind of work you are doing - I simply cannot imagine a more modern and relevant way of bearing witness to Christ.

I was deeply impressed too by your faculty and students. I am trying to put Roger in touch with one or two people over here who may be interested in your plans for Oxford. He is Britain's outstanding conservative philosopher and I would welcome an opportunity to provide him with a British platform. Britain desperately needs the kind of programme which you provide although I am afraid that the liberal establishment over here is only very slowly beginning to recognize the scale of the problem, let alone the kind of solution needed.

If you are ever over in London do please come and see me. It would be a pleasure to return some of the hospitality I have received in America and hear how your projects are developing.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles Sikorsky".

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