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Queen Elizabeth helps fund cross outside Roman Catholic Cathedral



Ecumenical News International carried the following story.

“Queen Elizabeth II is among contributors to a fund to create a giant millennium cross, which will stand in front of Westminster Cathedral, London's principal Roman Catholic church.”

“Queen Elizabeth, who is supreme governor of the Church of England, read about the cross in *The Times* and sent her donation the day the newspaper report appeared. The cross will be erected in the cathedral piazza - near Victoria Station, in central London - on 29 November. This will be followed by an ecumenical service at which a senior member of the royal family is expected to attend, along with Archbishop Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, leader of the 4 million Roman Catholics in England and Wales, and Richard Chartres, (Anglican) Bishop of London.” In Canon 36 and 39 of Anglicanism, crosses are forbidden to be carried in processions in the church building or set on or behind the communion table. How times have changed! It is more than time to start taking the words of the national Anthem seriously, especially the little-known second and third verses.

*O Lord our God, arise, Scatter her enemies,
And make them fall: Confound their politics,
Frustrate their popish tricks, On Thee our hopes we fix,
God save us all.*

*Thy choicest gifts in store On her be pleased to pour;
Long may she reign; May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen!*