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Dear Mrs. Roberts,

Thank you for your letter of September 9th, which I have just read on my return.

I have never said anything about "parallel sacraments". I do not know what the phrase means. I have suggested that the Order of Deaconesses is the order of the Women's Ministry, parallel to the Men's Ministry, though as yet undifferentiated into varying degrees. I believe I once said that I saw no reason why in the future it might not be possible for the Church to develop the Women's Ministry in such a way that to some women ministers there might be committed authority to celebrate the Sacraments. If this were to happen the Sacraments would be the Sacraments of the Church, not parallel sacraments, whatever that may mean. I do not advocate its happening at present, but I can see no reason in principle to prevent its happening at some possible date in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Southwell

Mrs. Roberts.

E. Underhill. (The Rosen) Cannon R & Miss C.
stereoscopic vision.

Christ & women

Deaconesses in early days

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