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Thomas Becket: an inspiration for the Churches today?

*An online seminar marking the 850th anniversary of the
murder of St. Thomas Becket*

7.30 – 9 p.m. Tuesday, 23 February 2021 on Zoom

Keynote speaker: Professor Henry Mayr-Harting
Emeritus Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History,
University of Oxford

with responses by

Revd. Dr. Keith Clements, former General Secretary of the Conference
of European Churches who will reflect on Church-State relations

and

Archbishop Angaelos, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London who will
speak about martyrdom today

Chair: Fr. Dominic Robinson S.J., Vice-chair, SfES

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Henry Mayr-Harting was Lecturer in Medieval History at the University of Liverpool 1960–68. He then returned to Oxford to become Fellow and Tutor in Medieval History at St Peter's College from 1968 until 1997, when he was appointed Fellow Emeritus. From 1976 until 1997 he was also Lecturer in Medieval History at Merton College. He was Slade Professor of Fine Art for the academic year 1987–88 and in 1993 he was named University Reader in Medieval History. In 1997 he became the first Roman Catholic and the first layperson to be appointed Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Oxford and consequently he became the first Lay Canon of Christ Church Cathedral. He retired from these positions in 2003.

Keith Clements has been much involved in ecumenical activity at UK, European and world levels, and was general secretary of the Conference of European Churches 1997-2005. He has written extensively on the churches' involvement in political and international issues, his major interests including the German churches under Nazism. He is a minister of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

Archbishop Angaelos is the Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London, and Papal Legate to the United Kingdom. He was conferred the honour of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Her Majesty The Queen for Services to International Religious Freedom, and the Lambeth Cross by the Archbishop of Canterbury for Ecumenism and the Coventry Cross of Nails for Reconciliation.