



THE BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD

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**Naming of a Train Engine After the Diocese**

This letter comes with both a confession and a request. The confession is that I am unashamedly a great rail fan and have been so from being young. Although I cannot claim the same notoriety as my predecessor Eric Treacy in this field (such was his devotion that he even dropped dead on the platform at Pickering Station!) I do like to think that I play my part.

Now the request! This year is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese of Wakefield and I am delighted to say that there are all kinds of celebrations marking this occasion. It would certainly add lustre to the special event in the life of the church here if you would consider allowing one of your 125 engines to be named after our Diocese in this special year. I am sure that you would agree that there is a certain synchronicity here!

Needless to say, not only would this enhance our profile and catch people's attention but it would be a significant thing to help put Wakefield and our region even more on the map. I look forward to hearing from you and hope so much that this might be a possibility.