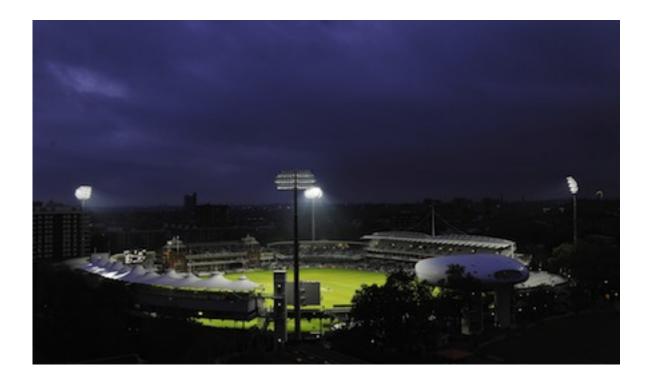
Canterbury and Rome prepare for cricketing showdown



The game may take place at Lord's Cricket Ground (Tim Ireland/PA Wire)

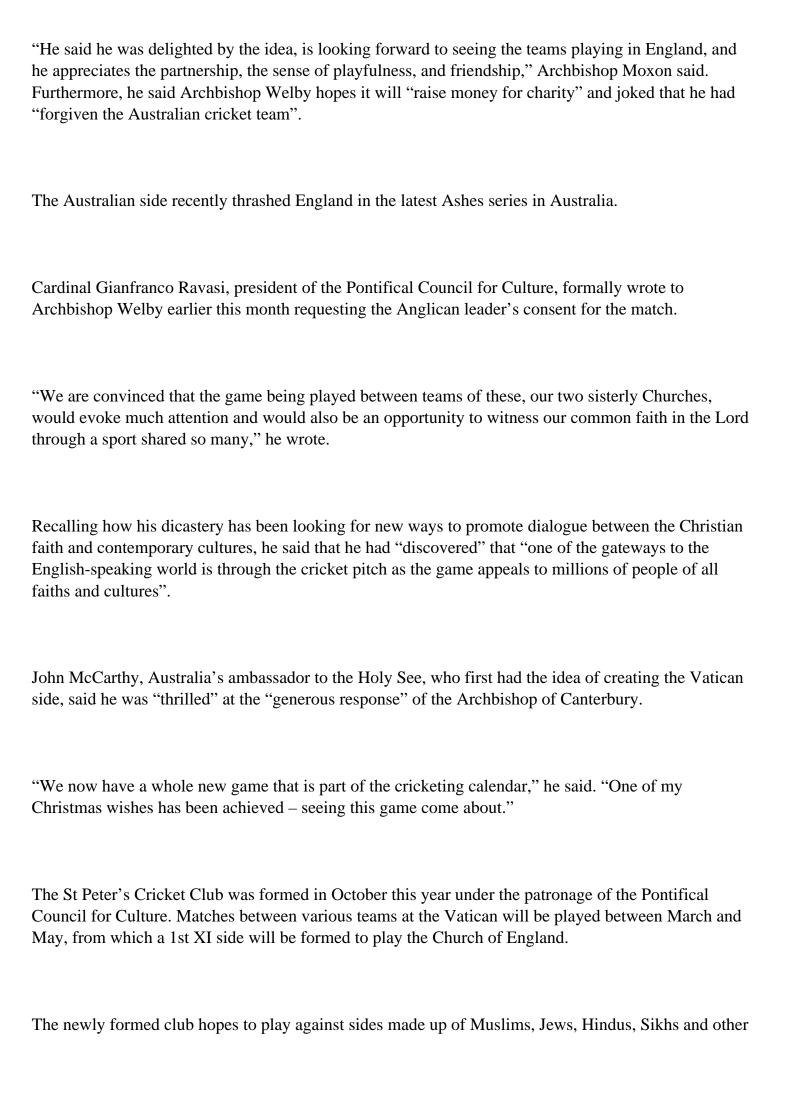
Church of England has agreed to play a cricket match with the newly formed "Vatican cricket club", with Lord's cricket ground as the planned venue.

The announcement was made today at a press conference hosted by Archbishop David Moxon, the Archbishop of Canterbury's representative in Rome.

The match is scheduled to take place in September 2014, probably at the "home of cricket", although Lord's has yet to be officially approached.

Known formally as the St Peter's Cricket Club, the Vatican team members will be made up of priests and seminarians drawn from various colleges in Rome and Vatican offices. Similarly, to ensure a level playing field, the Church of England side will be made up of "ordinands and those associated with theological colleges", Archbishop Moxon said.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby, welcomed the initiative in a telephone call to Archbishop Moxon today.



faiths in the future.
During the press conference, a match cricket ball was presented to the Church of England as a "symbol of challenge in the spirit of competitiveness and friendship."
Edward Pantin - Catholic Herald