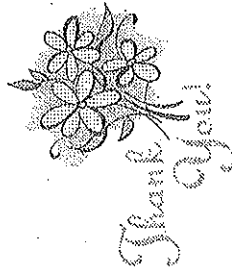


The Family Life Commission invite you all for light refreshments in the Ebeneser Church Hall opposite the Cathedral.



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"Family, an Adventure in Love"

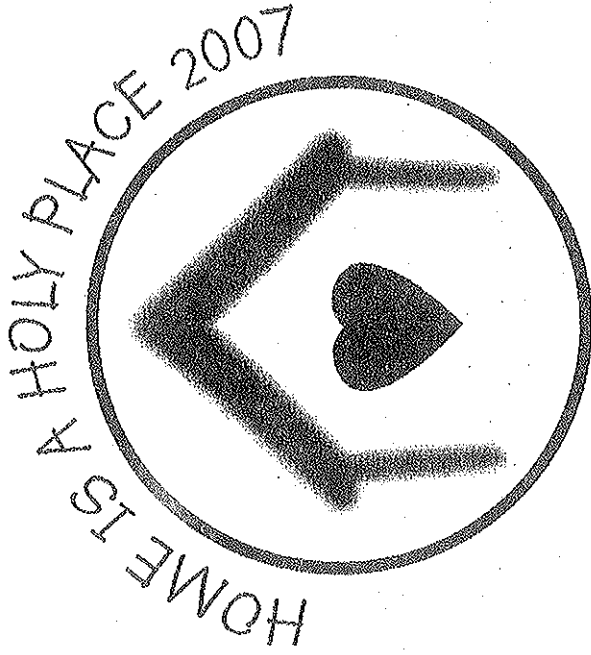
The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference

"Different ways of facing love" by Renee Bartkowski

'Home's a Holy Place' by Daniel O'Leary

Kathleen O'Connell Chesto, address at Ushaw Symposium October 2007

The Family Life Commission would like to thanks all those people who have contributed in any way to this service, the people who have read or carried symbols, the musicians and also thanks to the Ebeneser Church for allowing us the use of their facilities.



Tuesday 13th February 2007

St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff

"God is Love. Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in them"

1 John 4:15

OPENING HYMN

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away?
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery,
We are the old – who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place, the new light is shining,
Now in this Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Welcome by the Archbishop of Cardiff,

Most Rev. Peter Smith

Together we say the Family Prayer

Loving Father, bless each member of our family.
May we be open to your Holy Spirit and so grow in your love
Help us to listen and understand.
Give us the courage to forgive one another and grant us peace in
our family.
Protect the children whose parents are apart,
Guide and support those families all over the world who have
problems.
Let us remember we are all One family united in your love
May we be one in Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord.
Let us now say together the prayer that unites all Christians
The Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Final Prayer by Archbishop Peter Smith

And so we commend to you. O God.
The homes of our communities,
and the programme of celebrating the holiness with which you
have graced them
That the witness of your kingdom among us
May be ever more clearly proclaimed
For you are the Love
From which every family takes its name,
Amen

Final Hymn

Brothers, sisters, let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

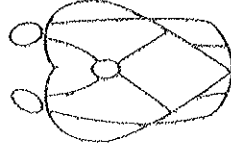
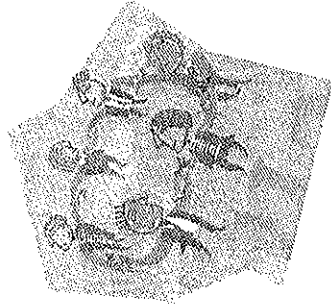
We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travellers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen that journey through

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brothers, sisters let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.



A Reading in Welsh from the letter
of St Paul to the Colossians
(English Translation)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness and humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. Above all clothe yourselves in love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Gospel taken from the Gospel of John

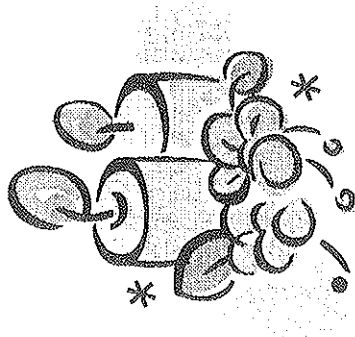
**Homily by Canon Matthew Jones,
Priest Advisor to the Family Life Commission.**

**A light from the Paschal candle will be passed
among us as we sing:**

Longing for the light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

***Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today***

Longing for peace, the world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.



Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people.
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Helping your kingdom come.

A short reflection on:

HOME- a place for single people and those who have lost a partner

Prayer (said by all)

We give thanks for our individuality and our distinctiveness.
We pray for single people; for those who have never married;
For those who live apart from their marriage partner; for those who are widowed,

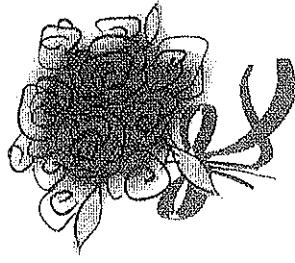
That all may be a sign that true love takes many shapes

**FOR WHERE THERE IS LOVE
R. THERE IS GOD**

Symbol of Flowers is brought forward

All sing:

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est



A short reflection on:

HOME -- a place for married people

PRAYER

We give thanks for mutual attraction.

We pray for those who are married;

for those whose marriage has endured;

for those preparing for and beginning their married life;

for those making a new start in marriage;

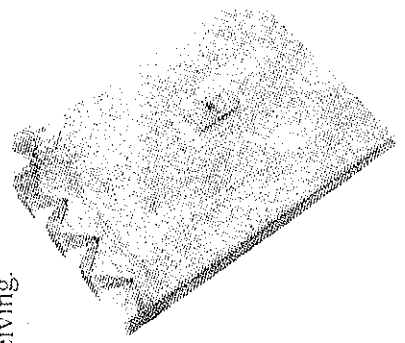
that there may be love in both the giving and receiving.

FOR WHERE THERE IS LOVE

R. THERE IS GOD

Symbol of a Wedding Album brought forward

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.



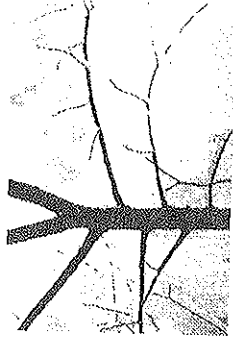
A short reflection on:
HOME -- a place for those with vocations in many forms.

Prayer

We give thanks for vocations and parenthood.
We pray for parents,
For the parents of toddlers and the parents of teenagers,
For adoptive parents and those whose children
have left the family home;
For grandparents and foster parents,
That in love they may give themselves in service.
Let there be love shared among us.
Let there be love in our eyes.
May now your love sweep this nation.

**FOR WHERE THERE IS LOVE.
R. THERE IS GOD**

The symbol of branches is brought forward:
Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est



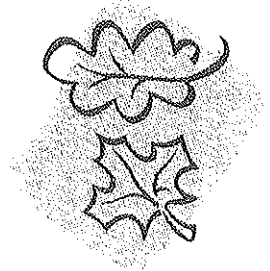
A short reflection on:
HOME -- a place for babies, children and teenagers

Prayer

We give thanks for the gift of children.
We pray for children;
For children growing to maturity;
For the children of two families coming together
For children whose parents live apart
For children cared for by a parent alone;
For children welcomed into an adoptive or foster family,
That they may be held secure in love.

**FOR WHERE THERE IS LOVE
R. THERE IS GOD**

Symbol of leaves brought forward
Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est



A short reflection on:
HOME -- a place in all traditions.

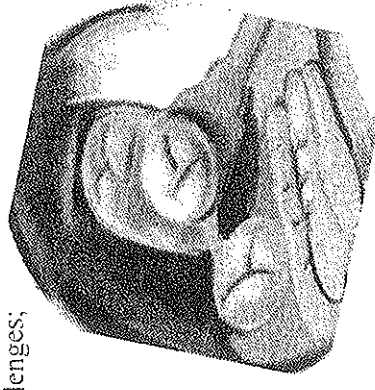
Prayer

We give thanks for all homes
We pray for mixed faith families;
For interfaith families
and families with roots in different cultural traditions
For families facing particularly difficult challenges;
For extended families
That love may have no limits.

**FOR WHERE THERE IS LOVE
R. THERE IS GOD**

Symbol of different breads brought forward

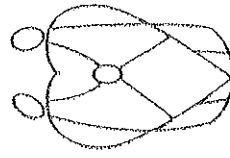
Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est



Let there be love shared among us

Signed by a group from the Welsh Catholic Deaf Service
(*Please be seated for this hymn*)

Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love in our eyes
May now your love sweep this nation
Cause us O Lord to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding
Filled with your love that is real,
Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love.



Let there be peace shared among us....

Let there be hope shared among us.....
Let there be joy shared among us.....