

SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

Report to the Department: 2007

Membership

Bishop Brian Noble (Chair) , Jenny Bond, Susy Brouard, Mark Davis, Mgr Kevin McGinnell (Secretary), Fr David O Malley sdb, Sr Diane Reynolds ssa

Meetings

Since April 2007 the Committee has met three times in the last year, in Milton Keynes, Worth Abbey (residential), and Shrewsbury.

The Committee has engaged in the following areas of concern and projects :

1. Liturgical Spirituality

A discussion has begun, initiated through a request from the Liturgy Committee. Fr Philip Gillespie of that Committee met with us in December and we have started to see how this can be progressed jointly. This also has implications for the necessary contribution on liturgical spirituality to the introductory and formative material to accompany the new translation of the *Missale Romanum*. There has also been an exchange between ourselves and the Liturgical Formation subcommittee about cooperation in their current projects.

2. Using liturgical space

The 2007 Consultation raised an issue of how accessible churches are to people throughout the week, and this has led to further consideration of many issues surrounding such a topic.

3. Web based resources -

We are considering how to offer materials from the Committee and the emerging network of Consultation representatives through the web site.

4. Worth Residential Meeting

Abbot Christopher was generous with his time and together we explored the areas in which he is particularly concerned : that of spirituality making a difference to people's lives, enabling people to experience true paschal joy, and to be a tool for evangelisation. The contemporary search for happiness does not always lead to true contentment. Catholic Christian spirituality offers so much, provides "sanctuary", and leads to fulfilment. (*cf Minutes 23 for further detail*)

5. Consultation 2008 - March 6 - St Andrew's, Waterloo.

This will be our third meeting of diocesan representatives and promoters of spirituality. Abbot Christopher is the keynote speaker. The development of this day and its subsequent network is positive and valued.

6. Summorum Pontificum

A discussion about the *motu proprio* raised some questions about the implied spirituality of such celebrations, and that the whole area of ars celebrandi needs further thought.

6. The Committee exchanges minutes and information with CASE and Churches Together in England Spirituality Co-ordinating Group.

Kevin McGinnell
January 2008