



“You all worked very hard and it really showed.”

“We were absolutely delighted by the Launch of CASE and hope you were.”

“It made us very hopeful to see so many people involved in one way or another in Evangelisation.”

These are just a few of the many appreciative comments we received about our Launch on April 21st in Westminster Cathedral Hall. Somewhere between 200 and 250 people gathered, first in the magnificent Throne Room of Archbishop’s House for refreshments, and then in the Hall for the launch programme itself.

It was both impressive and delightful to see such a wide range of people who had responded to the invitation: most of the Bishops of England and Wales, people with various national and diocesan responsibilities, leaders and members of movements, ecumenical guests and above all a good number of young people.

A real highlight was the keynote speech by Cardinal Gottfried Danneels entitled, “Christ, the Hope for a New Millennium.” Although delivered in a quiet, reflective tone, the speech pulled no punches as it examined the depressive society in which we live, and the sometimes superficial way the Church responds.

No account of the Launch would be complete without a tribute to the enormous amount of work put into the preparation of the displays by the Team and by our new Office Administrator, Jeanette Hardwick, and also to the numerous people who helped us in so many ways, especially to Mary Kennedy, Barry Palmer and Sr Clement at the Cathedral and Archbishop’s House.



Many people have already contacted us saying they want to meet us and get involved. We will have no difficulty filling our diaries. But we need your prayers to help us fulfil our motto by “enthusiating, engaging and equipping” them.

Mgr Keith Bartrop
CASE Director

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CASE is launched: Put out into the deep!



The Launch of CASE marks the fulfilment of a long process of thought and planning by the Bishops of England and Wales and many others. The aim of this process has been to give concrete expression to the Catholic Church’s belief that, “Evangelising is the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelise,” (Pope Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*).

CASE is, of course, only one expression of that fundamental conviction. There are many others, in which many of you here today have been and are involved. But it has seemed important to the bishops to set up a new Agency whose specific task is to remind the Church of the priority of evangelisation, and to support and foster a range of initiatives in this field.

I congratulate those involved in the setting up of CASE, and thank all of you for the support you are showing for its work. I am sure you will join me in wishing CASE well in its work and supporting it by your prayers.

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O Connor

What is CASE?

CASE is an Agency of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales. Through a wide variety of resources and training, its remit is to enthuse, engage and equip all tiers of the Church in the urgent task of evangelisation.



Media Watch

CASE has launched two brand new dedicated websites as national resources for the Church in England and Wales. Introducing...



www.casesources.org.uk

A resource website where you can find a whole host of articles, downloadable resources, prayers and much more... Since April 21st it's had over 5000 unique visitors.



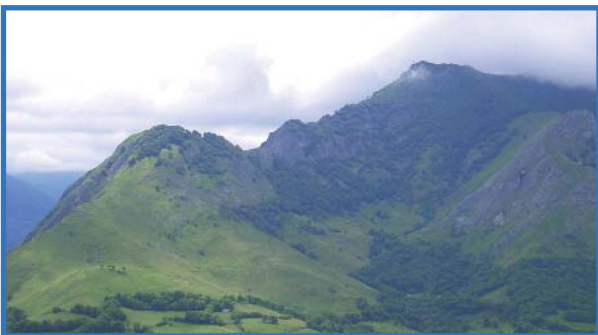
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A totally new look for the Catholic Enquiry Office website, complete with pages on the sacraments, pilgrimage sites and The Arts. Since our launch it's had over 3000 unique visitors.

In the last few months...

CASE has had extensive media coverage: in the national and diocesan Catholic press, Easter adverts appeared in four national daily newspapers as part of the Catholic Enquiry Office outreach programme, monthly evangelisation articles written by Team members have started to appear in *The Universe* Catholic newspaper, and a Catholic Truth Society small book on evangelisation is in the pipeline for publication in 2005. Team members have featured on radio programmes nationwide, and there has been a lot of international interest since we were featured on Zenit, the Vatican based daily news bulletin. Enthusiastic email messages we have received from places as diverse as America, Australia, Indonesia and Pakistan, show we are equipping people to engage with a wide range of cultures.

Faith and Culture Comment: *Ecology And Evangelisation*



One of the urgent issues facing us as our Gospel meets the reality of the world is our calling to be faithful stewards of God's creation. For our generation, this is a key measure of how seriously we live out the Gospel. CASE is grateful to Ellen Teague, a justice activist, for signposting some of the ways we can love the world that God loves and evangelise the culture of waste and destruction.

Whistlestop Tour of England and Wales



Do you know where the best motorway breakfast in Britain can be found? Or the quickest way from Wrexham to Swansea by car?

The CASE Team have had a rapid education in these and similar matters as we have got out and about since Christmas visiting all the Bishops of England and Wales to tell them about our plans, and ask how we can be of service to them and their dioceses. We can even give confidential information on the interior design of some of the bishops' houses...

Some of our meetings were with the bishop alone, others with up to 50 invited representatives of the diocese. With the aid of *PowerPoint* presentations and other state of the art visual aids, we outlined the kind of workshops, advice and other resources that CASE can offer the local Church. In the forefront of our minds was always the parish priest or lay parish group who "feel they should be doing something" about evangelisation, but are not sure what. It is for just such people that CASE has been set up and we are determined not to lose sight of them.

In between our appointments with the bishops, we have also visited other fascinating initiatives, including an architecturally ambitious university chaplaincy, an impressive outreach to those addicted to drugs, and a dynamic training programme for parish visiting. There are many signs of hope in our Church, but also a lot of anxiety about the future with numbers of priests declining and parishes facing closure or merging.

There is much to mull over and discuss, but one thing emerges very clearly from our visits: not only the health, but perhaps the very survival of the Church in England and Wales depends on our heeding the Lord's call to proclaim the Gospel to everyone.

On the eve of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg in August 2002, Pope John Paul II called upon Catholics to develop an "ecological vocation." Relevant ideas have been suggested by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in their document, *The Call of Creation*.

"A way of life that damages God's creation, forces the poor into greater poverty, and threatens the right of future generations to a healthy environment and to their fair share of the Earth's wealth and resources, is contrary to the vision of the Gospel," (*The Call of Creation*, page 1).

The Eco-Congregation programme has been devised to help churches take spiritual and practical steps to care for God's creation. There are study modules, an award scheme and a process to help churches undertake an environmental audit. The Christian Ecology Link encourages consumers to use 'LOAF' principles to buy food which is **L**ocally produced, **O**rganically grown, **A**nimal friendly and **F**airly traded. Do you "use your loaf" when shopping?!

Interested in finding out more? For the full text of Ellen's comment see: www.casesources.org.uk/latest-news/latestnews_culturetalk

Supporting Home Mission



Please put **Sunday September 19th 2004** in your diary. It is Home Mission Sunday, a special day of prayer for evangelisation in England and Wales. By setting up CASE, the Bishops are emphasising that "mission" isn't just to do with the spread of the Gospel in far off lands, but that with so many people who have no idea of God's love for them, right here at home is mission territory. The CASE Team are busy preparing a wide range of resources which will be sent out to every parish in England and Wales. The collection taken on this day provides a substantial part of CASE's annual budget. We ask you to help us promote it, and to support it generously, THANK YOU.

Good News about those who give Good News

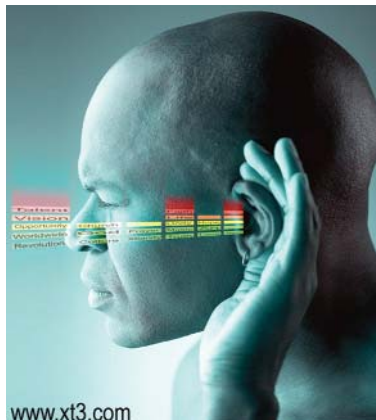
Each issue we feature a particular evangelisation initiative. In this issue, we offer an insight into **Xt3**.

Xt3 stands for Christ in the 3rd millennium. It is a website, shop and radio station run by young Christians, for young Christians, and it is striving to help build a new Christian youth culture.

Launched in March 2004, Xt3 is attempting to give young people a voice, and the opportunity to be who they are and become the person God intended them to be. It is for young people of all Christian denominations to unite together in Christ: "May they all be one," (John 17:21).

Xt3 aims to give young people the chance to use their God-given talents to express their faith and creativity through any medium they wish, whether it is art, design, music, word or vision. It is about being, in Jesus's words, "The salt of the Earth... the light of the world," (Matthew 5:13-16).

Do check them out at: www.xt3.com



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Pause for Thought:

"Preach the Gospel at all times... use words if necessary."

St. Francis of Assisi

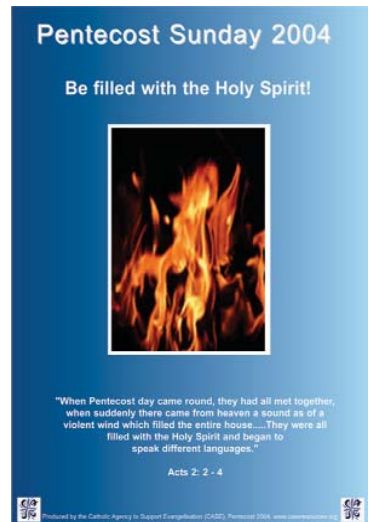


Resources: Pentecost Extravaganza!

An important part of CASE's remit is to resource the Church in the task of evangelisation at all levels. For this year's Feast of Pentecost we provided fourteen free Pentecost resources ranging from scripture reflections to menu suggestions! These were made available on the downloads page of

www.caseresources.org.uk

We are now busy planning the creation of a whole host of resources for Home Mission Sunday and Christmas 2004. Please let us know if there is anything in particular you would like to see us provide.



National Office for Vocation

Called into God's wonderful light

NOV News

CASE continues to work closely alongside the National Office for Vocation...

- CASE and the NOV jointly produced nine holy hours for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations Pack (May 2nd). These were sent to every parish in England and Wales to encourage each local community to join the Universal Church in prayer for vocations and evangelisation.
- Mgr Keith Barltrop and Clare Ford are to speak at this year's National Vocation Forum in Oscott College, Birmingham, on 30th June 2004.
- Welcome to Anne-Marie Kershaw who joined the NOV team and replaces Fran Laking as Development Co-ordinator.

CASE Highlights...

CASE is involved in, and is actively supporting, many different evangelisation initiatives and groups in England and Wales. Here are some recent highlights...

- Resourcing Parish Confirmation Catechists in Arundel and Brighton Diocese.
- Creating new Catholic Enquiry Office materials: a website, an introductory leaflet and contact cards.
- Coordinating outreach in Glastonbury during the huge annual music and performing arts festival.
- Speaking at various venues including the Professional Association of Catholic Youth Officers' Conference.
- Creating the draft of a simple leaflet explaining the Mass for members of the Armed Forces.
- With the Catholic Youth Service, coordinating Catholic representation at the Soul In The City event, London.

...if only there was more space!!!

Dates for your diary Summer 2004, please see:

www.caseresources.org.uk/latestnews/latestnews_diary.htm

Ecumenical News - BIAMS

CASE works with and alongside a number of ecumenical groups and organisations. This issue we hear about BIAMS - British and Irish Association for Mission Studies.

CASE is a corporate member of BIAMS and we are represented on their executive committee. BIAMS brings together all sorts of elements into an impressive collaboration: it is ecumenical with membership from many ecclesial communities, mission agencies and theological institutions; it brings together academics and practitioners; it is a forum for both North and South, it examines global Christianity with interests all over the world including mission in Post-Modern Western society; it links people based in Britain and Ireland with international associations.



British and Irish Association
for Mission Studies

One of the chief activities of BIAMS is to hold conferences. This year there will be a day conference in Birmingham, Saturday October 23rd 2004, on the theme of *Equipping for Mission*. Many involved in world mission, and, we hope, people involved in mission in the UK, will come together to be stimulated by presentations and to interact with each other. Last year's excellent conference in Edinburgh was animated by a series of lectures by Fr Robert Schreiter on the theme of *Reconciling Mission: Overcoming Violence*. Next year (28th June - 1st July 2005), there will be a conference examining the changing geography of world Christianity under the title *The Next Christendom?* This responds to themes raised by the important recent book by Philip Jenkins. This conference will be in Northern Ireland. More information about BIAMS can be found at www.biams.org.uk and in the near future, booking details for the upcoming conferences will also be there.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit



**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
Your faithful and enkindle in them
the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit and they
shall be created and You will
renew the face of the earth,**

AMEN.

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Seminary Focus



The CASE Team have had the immense privilege to teach a course on Evangelisation to first and second year seminarians at Allen Hall, London. During the five month course from January to May 2004, thirteen students were put through their paces on a variety of topics such as, 'Contemporary Britain and the Gospel,' the 'Spirituality of Evangelisation' and 'Contemporary Methods of Evangelisation.'

As an Agency, CASE is keen to foster links with the seminaries of England and Wales to help ensure that evangelisation becomes even more fully integrated into priestly formation. To that end, a CASE Team member will be speaking at the meeting of Seminary Rectors at Oscott, Birmingham, on October 7th 2004.

Please keep the 130 seminarians in England and Wales in your prayers.

Parish Evangelisation

CASE is increasingly being contacted by parishes eager to reach out to their local communities with the Good News of God's love. Over the Summer, CASE is helping St Mary's in Somerset with an outreach during the famous Glastonbury Festival, team members are speaking at events in Sacred Heart, Wimbledon, and Corpus Christi in Manchester. We've also been able to respond to requests from people in Cornwall, Southampton and the Norfolk coast, all seeking new ways of evangelising in and through their parish life and worship.

An invitation...

Join CASE team members at the:

**International Congress for
the New Evangelisation,
Paris,
23rd Oct. - 1st Nov. 2004**



Come for all or part of this exciting event!

Please contact us now if you are interested in attending. Costs will be kept to a minimum. We are hoping to take a strong English and Welsh delegation who are sure to return home buzzing with ideas and inspiration!