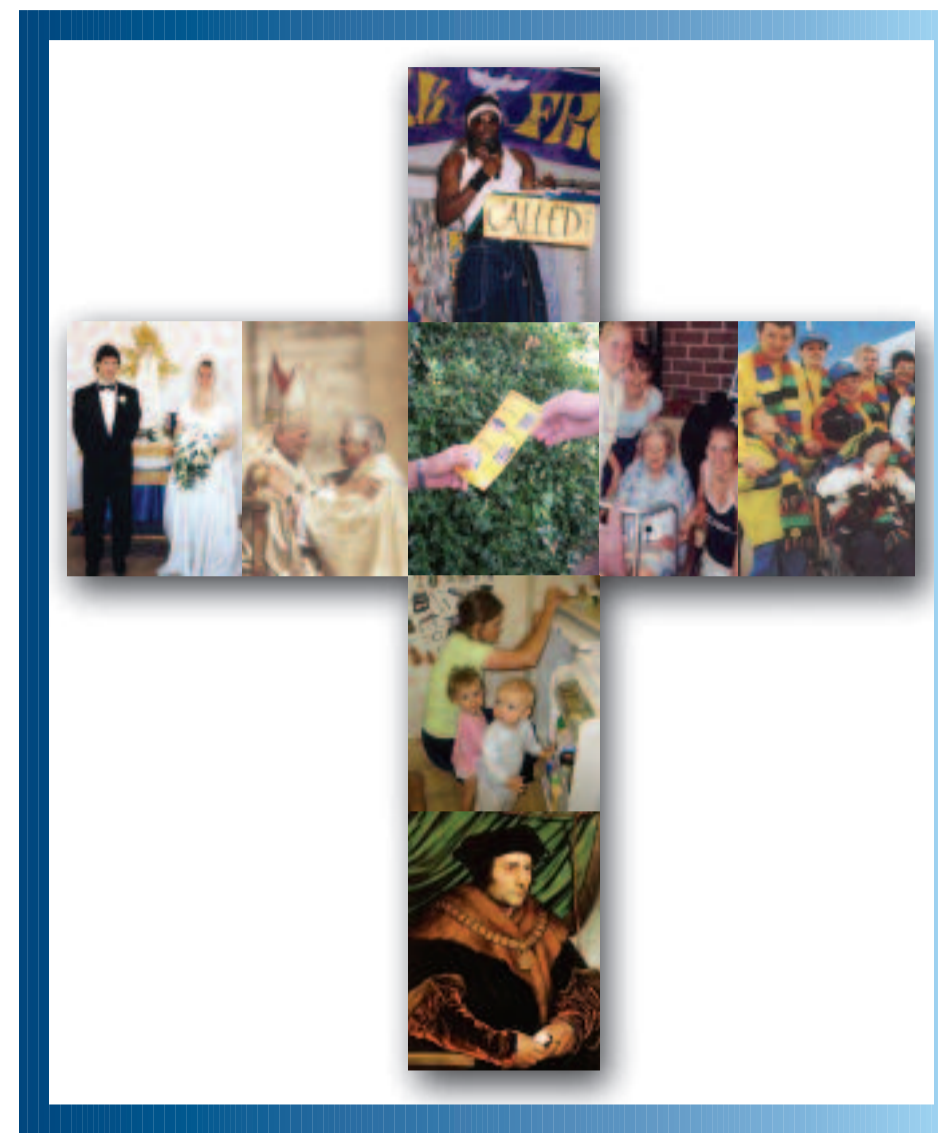


# DYING TO LIVE

*'...for the sake of the Gospel'*  
Mk 8:35



## Resource Pack

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## HOME MISSION SUNDAY September 17th 2006

*A Day of Prayer for Evangelisation in  
England and Wales*

Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation



### What have the Bishops asked CASE to do?

- To promote and evaluate methods and means of evangelisation.
- To be a point of reference for new movements and organisations in the Catholic Church in England and Wales.
- To be a resource for parishes, dioceses and local communities in understanding and responding to the current cultural situation.
- To develop the Catholic Enquiry Office, especially using new technology including the Internet.
- To promote intellectual dialogue between the Church and contemporary culture.
- To relate to other Churches on issues of evangelisation and mission, including representation on the relevant ecumenical bodies.



### What are our values in CASE?

- We are passionate about the Gospel and believe that the present times call for a 'New Evangelisation' which demands a renewed proclamation.
- We believe in the effectiveness of ordinary people sharing their faith with others, and equip them to do so. We alert people to their calling to be evangelisers and to the urgency of the task.
- We have confidence in the 'mustard seed' principle of growth through God's grace.
- We see all the activities of the Church as contributing to her evangelising mission.
- We adapt our approach to the needs of each diocese, parish and situation, believing that there are many valid ways of evangelising, while valuing research into evidences of fruitful practice.
- We respect the beliefs and freedom of others, never imposing our faith on them, while conscious of the obligation to propose it.
- Where possible we work ecumenically and in dialogue with other religions.
- We seek to discern and affirm what is open to the Gospel in culture, and to challenge what is resistant to it.
- We are open to examining and encouraging cutting edge experiments in evangelisation.
- We celebrate what others are already doing in the field of evangelisation, and by recognising and naming it, intend to help them deepen and widen their work.

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### 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.



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'There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him.'

Pope Benedict XVI, Inauguration Homily, April 2005

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to enclose some materials which I hope you will find useful for this year's Home Mission Sunday (Sept 17th) which is themed **Dying to Live**. The Readings of the Day point to the Paschal mystery as the very heart of the evangelising message we have to give to the world. Jesus teaches us that by living and proclaiming His life of sacrificial love, new life will spring forth in our hearts and communities.

This year has seen the production by CASE of a significant new resource for the Catholic Church in England and Wales, a *Directory of Evangelisation Resources and Initiatives*, details of which are enclosed. Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor said, **'I would like to congratulate you on the new Evangelisation Directory. It is "user-friendly", easy to read and full of useful information. So, well done, and I hope it sells widely.'**

We have also taken a number of high-profile initiatives linked to such media productions as *Narnia*, *The Da Vinci Code* and *The Convent*, all of which have attracted enormous interest among non-Catholics. In these and other ways we have been fulfilling the task given us by the bishops to use the Internet for evangelisation, as well as producing printed resources. Please do try to visit our websites: [www.caseresources.org.uk](http://www.caseresources.org.uk) and [www.life4seekers.co.uk](http://www.life4seekers.co.uk) All of the material provided in this pack is also published online so that as many people as possible can access our resources.

At the suggestion of Archbishop Vincent Nichols we are now planning to set up a special website for children which we hope will be useful both to schools and to families, in conjunction with the *Listening 2004* project.

Every week, the Catholic Enquiry Office receives an increasing number of requests for information about how to become a Catholic, as well as more general enquiries. It is likely that some of the people you may have welcomed into your parish as catechumens or enquirers have been referred by us.

Our *Directory* bears witness to the growing enthusiasm for evangelisation among Catholics in this country, and to the astonishing variety of what is going on, often in hidden ways. A major part of our task is to make these unsung initiatives more widely known, and in so doing, to encourage people to engage more effectively in Catholic ways of evangelising. Please order more of the enclosed resources if you think they will help you and your parish or community to do that.

Once again we appeal for your financial help as well as your prayers. If you can take up a collection on Home Mission Sunday itself, this not only helps us but raises people's awareness of evangelisation as the core activity of the parish. If you cannot, a donation from parish funds, however small, will be most gratefully received.

Wishing you every blessing,

Mgr Keith Bartrop  
CASE Director



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A catalogue of resources that are available to help individuals and communities in the urgent task of evangelisation	Prayers of the Faithful for 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B <i>green</i>
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**Prayer for Evangelisation**

As the seed grows silently in the earth,  
 As the yeast rises in the dough,  
 May Your power, Spirit of God, be at work in us.  
 Like a city set on a hill,  
 Like a lamp shining in the darkness,  
 May we witness together,  
 Calling our brothers and sisters  
 To the glory of Your light  
 And the peace and justice of Your Kingdom.

AMEN