

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR VOICE TO BE HEARD??



MENEVIA FAMILY LIFE

LISTENING 2004 - MY FAMILY, MY CHURCH

is a new project just starting up, so ... read on

This year, the Bishops are asking lay people everywhere to let them know something of their hopes and fears for Family Life in our society today. They want us to know that they are **listening** to what we have to say.

In acknowledging that in recent years the 'most important place for the development of faith, the home, has not received the attention it deserves', the Bishops affirm their dedication to Family Life. They confirm that, wherever possible, they will take action in response to the submissions of discussion groups to be set up across the Diocese and the rest of the UK.

The groups, as well as individuals representing a wide cross-section of our Catholic people, will be able to make their submissions at an all-day Diocesan 'conversation', to be held in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Saturday, 18th September.

A million leaflets, promoting the initiative, are currently being distributed and disseminated in England and Wales. They contain questions such as 'What are the difficulties of Family Life at home, in the world, in church? How do families cope? What do families need from their Parish, from their Diocese?'

Here is the complete list of questions. You can obtain the leaflets in Church.

Here are the Questions...

Listening to my family...

What are the difficulties you face as a family? How do you cope?

What do you enjoy most about your family life? What are the high-points and the blessings?

What are your hopes for your family?

What else do you want to say about family life at home?

...families in today's world...

Does today's world make life difficult for you? If so, how do you cope?

How is your family life helped by the world around you?

What do you hope for as a family from the wider community?

What else do you want to say about family life in today's society?

...and families in the church

What difficulties do you experience as a family in the church? How do you cope?

How does the church help you in your family life?

What do you hope for as a family from the parish community in which you live?

What else do you want to say about family life in the church?

... and here's why they are being asked

Diocesan conversations 2004 The FOUR Objectives

- 1 To REAFFIRM** the importance of the family in the life of the Church
- 2 To FIND OUT** what family life is really like today; what help and support Catholic families need; what the Church can do to provide that help and support.
- 3 To ESTABLISH** who is doing what on behalf of the family
- 4 TO REVIEW** the provision for Marriage Preparation and counselling in the local church



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OUR BISHOPS ARE WAITING FOR YOU TO ANSWER....

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