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## GOLDEN JUBILEE OF BISHOP EDWIN REGAN FIFTY YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

On July 5th the Diocese of Wrexham gathered to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood of Bishop Edwin Regan. The cathedral was not big enough so it was held at William Aston Hall, part of Glyndwr University in Wrexham. Guests included the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Faustino Sainz Munoz, who read out a letter of congratulations from Pope Benedict; the new Archbishop of Westminster, Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Peter Smith of Cardiff; our own Bishop Tom Burns and many other bishops. Cardinal Murphy O'Connor was unable to attend, but sent a message of congratulations.

Priests, deacons, brothers and sisters, and lay peoples from the diocese and beyond were there in great numbers, including some from Cardiff and Menevia who have fond memories of Bishop Regan from his long years in South Wales. Born in Port Talbot, he served as a priest in Pontypool, Neath, Porthcawl, Cardiff, Barry and Bridgend before moving to North Wales as Bishop in 1994.



Bishop Regan being admitted as an honorary fellow of Glyndwr University.

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## THE WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2009 The Year of Bernadette

Having gathered at Cardiff International Airport we set off on 22nd July on time and, after a smooth flight, were back in Lourdes once more for the 'Year of Bernadette'. Our Spiritual Journey began with Mass in the Lower Chapel of St. Frai, the main celebrant being Archbishop Peter Smith, the Archbishop of Cardiff, who welcomed us all as we began our pilgrimage.

Our Opening Mass the next morning took place at Saint Bernadette's altar where again Archbishop Peter presided. Fr. Jason Jones gave an inspiring homily as he took us through the twenty decades of the rosary, linking Jesus' journey through life with our pilgrimage from conception to death. Mass was followed by the traditional photo call after which we were refreshed by lunch in preparation for the 'Passage through the Grotto' and thence onto the prairie where Fr. Teyrnon and Fr Ross, accompanied by Deacons Philip and Patrick, conducted 'The Service of Water' in response to Mary's request to Bernadette - "Tell them to take the Waters". During the service we remembered in prayer Fr. Ieuan Wyn Jones who initiated this service and who yet again was not well enough to be with us this year.

On the Friday we celebrated Mass at The Grotto where Bishop Tom Burns presided. The theme of his homily was 'We all go home from Lourdes, maybe not cured, but healed in some way'. Bishop Tom recognised that we all have the need for healing and that in our shared humanity we all have disabilities. Those who appear to be well are often disabled themselves. It does not matter what we are like on the outside, it is what we are inside that matters.



During this mass, one of our sick pilgrims, Kevin, was privileged to receive his First Holy Communion from Bishop Tom at this special place where Mary appeared to Bernadette - see photo above.

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## CAFOD

- just one world

CAFOD says, global financial crisis is increasing world hunger

This Harvest, one billion people will be living with hunger. Catholic aid agency CAFOD warns that the global financial crisis is pushing already poverty-stricken people over the edge.

As harvest approaches, parishes and schools around the diocese will be holding special events and collections to mark CAFOD's annual Harvest Fast Day on October 2nd to help CAFOD continue to meet the growing demands in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Richard Laydon, Head of CAFOD Wales, said: "Harvest is usually a time to celebrate food and the gifts of the land and reminds us of all the good things God provides. However, for many living in some of the poorest parts of the world there simply is no food. The global financial crisis, massive hikes in food prices and climate change have all intensified the problems for those living in poverty. For them, the effects of the financial crisis are a matter of life or death.

..... see back page and read more of what Cafod says about how the global financial crisis is affecting the people in Nairobi, Kenya - and what the Holy Father has said in his recently published Social Encyclical 'Caritas in Veritate', that it is an ethical imperative to 'feed the hungry'.

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