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## Ad Limina Visit 24th January to 5th February 2010



Bishop Tom reports ...  
**All 23 Diocesan Bishops and 9 Auxiliary Bishops**, plus the Administrator of Southwark (sede vacante), the Co-Adjutor of Shrewsbury, the Prefect Apostolic of the Falkland Islands, and the Apostolic Administrator of the Ukrainians, travelled to Rome for the Ad Limina: to the threshold of the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and to call on the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI. Diocesan Reports had been forwarded in advance, and a 2-page summary of each had been prepared for the Pope. Like

every other Diocesan Bishop (accompanied by his Auxiliaries, where applicable), I had about 15 minutes alone with the Holy Father, who was in sparkling form, and showed interest in a tentative plan to "touch" Wales during his forthcoming visit (more of this later if it materialises). The Ad



Limina was completed by a full Audience in the Papal Apartments, during which an address was given by the President of the Bishops' Conference, to which Pope Benedict replied. Along with the other Bishops,

Private Secretaries, and members of the Conference Secretariat, I resided at the Carmelites' Hostel, near the Castel San Angelo, which was convenient for walking to the Vatican. Mass was celebrated here each morning, except for those days when it took place at St Paul's tomb, St Peter's tomb, the English College, and the Chapel of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples where Cardinal John Henry Newman had been ordained priest, followed by a visit to another chapel upstairs where he had celebrated his First Mass.

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