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GUESTS OF THE LORD MAYOR OF SWANSEA

On Thursday 20th January, the Lord Mayor of Swansea (Councillor Richard Lewis) and the Lady Mayoress (Mrs Angela Lewis) held a Private Dinner at the Mansion House for Menevia priests and religious who work in the City and County of Swansea.



from right to left: The Lord Mayor of Swansea, the Lady Mayoress, the Mayor of Neath Port Talbot, the Mayor's Consort, and Bishop Tom.

This was an opportunity to reflect on the Papal Visit, following an invitation to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress to attend the Papal Mass in Westminster Cathedral last September. At the end of this Mass, Pope Benedict blessed a new mosaic of St David (photo below), and lit a candle in the hand of Our Lady of the Taper (as shown in the photograph presented to the Lady Mayoress and to Councillor Lella James, Mayor of Neath Port Talbot - who was also present at the Mass with her husband and Consort, Cyril). The Lord Mayor described the Mass as "the highlight" of his year in office.



The new mosaic of St David in Westminster Cathedral

BISHOP TOM IN WASHINGTON

Accompanied by Father Gerard Byrne, Director of the St Luke's Centre in Manchester, Bishop Tom spent several days at the St Luke Institute in Maryland USA.

These two centres care for priests and religious women and men who have experienced difficulties in ministry.

In 2004, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor asked Bishop Tom to look into the consequences of the Paraclete Fathers' decision to close 'Our Lady of Victories' in Stroud, which until then had provided clinical treatment and spiritual support for priests and religious referred to them. St Luke's in south Manchester opened its doors in December 2005, and in the last five years has worked with over 450 clients.



Archbishop Donald Wuerl (now Cardinal Archbishop of Washington), Bishop Tom (Menevia), Father Gerard Byrne (Director of St Luke's Centre, Manchester), and Archbishop Leonardo Sandri (Papal Nuncio to the United States)

Whilst in the USA, Bishop Tom, as a member of the Board of St Luke's Centre, was invited to the Apostolic Nunciature for a Reception given by the Papal Nuncio in recognition of the work done by both St Luke's Centre

and the St Luke Institute (founded by Monsignor Steve Rossetti 17 years ago). Addressing about 200 invited guests, Archbishop (now Cardinal) Donald Wuerl and Archbishop Leonardo Sandri (Papal Nuncio) expressed their gratitude for the existence of both centres and the links between them. As a number of priests and religious have said: "If it wasn't for a facility like this, I wouldn't be in ministry today." And: "For every priest and religious restored to full health, several hundred people are the beneficiaries in parishes, schools, and elsewhere."

St Luke's Centre has just received a prestigious award from the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP), in recognition of the standards of excellence achieved by St Luke's in the professional programmes and processes that it applies.

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