

INTERCHURCH FAMILIES: Issues – Reflections – News (IRN) is an email newsletter compiled by Ruth Reardon two or three times a year. You can subscribe to it free by sending an email to ray.temmerman@shaw.ca. In the email, ask to be added to the IRN list. Ray Temmerman is responsible for the international Interchurch Families website. You can find the latest version of the IRN, and older ones, at www.interchurchfamilies.org/irn/index.shtm.

IRN is intended for interchurch families (usually where one partner is Roman Catholic and the other a Christian of another communion) and all concerned for their welfare. It continues the work of the Interchurch Families journal (1993-2004). Articles and resources will be placed directly on the website and the letter will draw attention to the new material. If you access the internet you can request paper copies from Ruth Reardon (Little School House, High St. Turvey, Bedford MK43 8DB, UK: aifreardon@talk21.com)

The latest of the printed resources published by the British Association of Interchurch Families is the 'Rome paper' (*Interchurch Families and Christian Unity*) adopted by the Second World Gathering of Interchurch Families in 2003.

INTERCHURCH FAMILIES AND CHRISTIAN UNITY can be ordered from the Association of Interchurch Families, Bastille Court, 2 Paris Garden, London SE1 8ND England and paid for in sterling: single copies £1 + 50p p/p. (info@interchurchfamilies.org.uk).

Copies can also be ordered and paid for in US dollars, Canadian dollars and Australian dollars. Ray Temmerman in Canada and Bev Hincks in Australia are collecting payment in these currencies, as they did for the journal *Interchurch Families*. (Reduced rates for bulk orders.)

Orders and payment in US and Canadian dollars can be sent to Ray and Fenella Temmerman, 879 Dorchester Avenue, Winnipeg MB, R3M 0P7, Canada: single copies US \$2 + \$1.25 p/p; Canadian \$ 2.50 + \$1 p/p. (rayfen@shaw.ca)

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Martin Reardon 1932-2005

Martin was co-chair of the British Association of Interchurch Families 1968-2002, and a President of the Association from 2002 until he died in January 2005. Since then tributes have poured in for his life's work for Christian unity. In the 1960s he was in Sheffield, the first full-time Secretary of a local Council of Churches in Britain. After some years on the staff of Lincoln Theological College he was General Secretary of the Church of England's Board for Mission and Unity, and from 1990-1997 the first General Secretary of Churches Together in England.

After retirement in 1997 he had more time to devote to interchurch families, and the Rome paper *Interchurch Families and Christian Unity*, while being the work of a representative international group, owed much to Martin's initiative, his drafting and his co-ordinating efforts. The best tribute interchurch families can pay to his memory is to make this document widely known, and to continue his work for interchurch families and Christian unity with similar patience and persistence, gentleness and integrity.

The homily preached at his funeral by Dr Mary Tanner is now placed on the website. It is followed by the homily given by Fr Robert Murray SJ at the memorial mass held as part of a day in Martin's memory organised by AIF.

Remembering Fiona

Martin was present at the memorial mass for another AIF member only a few weeks before his final illness, and read the Gospel, taken from John 17. A very moving tribute to Fiona was given by her husband Tim, who also gave the address at her funeral. We publish both texts.

A response to the Synod of Bishops

The *lineamenta* prepared for the October 2005 Synod of Bishops on the Eucharist was published for comments. In December 2004 the international network of international interchurch family associations set up after the Rome Gathering in 2003 sent in a response: see the website.

New on the website:

- **Martin Reardon 1932-2005**
www.interchurchfamilies.org/irn/2005/irn03-200504mreardon.pdf
- **Reconciliation: a homily**
www.interchurchfamilies.org/irn/2005/irn03-200504reconciliation.pdf
- **Remembering Fiona**
www.interchurchfamilies.org/irn/2005/irn03-200504fiona.pdf
- **Synod of Bishops on the Eucharist: a response**
<http://www.interchurchfamilies.org/irn/2005/irn03-200504synod.pdf>