

**REPORT OF THE  
EPISCOPAL COMMISSION FOR THEOLOGY  
2007-2008**

1. The Episcopal Commission for Theology met four times in 2007-2008 (26 November, 29 January, 28 March [conference call], 3 June).
2. *What does Marriage add to your Love? Pastoral Message to Young Couples on Marriage and Family in the Catholic Church* has been published and is available from the CCCB Publications Service and also on the CCCB website.
3. Having consulted the Permanent Council, the Commission is continuing to develop pastoral reflections on:
  - “Claiming Catholic Identity in Today’s Culture”: a pastoral message addressed primarily to Catholic adults living and working within a public context; e.g., politicians, business people, journalists, teachers, professionals, and all laity who would like to be informed about the public dimension of our faith;
  - “Pastoral care of homosexual persons” – Bishops will be consulted on this project, and will have an opportunity to voice their questions and concerns.
4. The Commission has prepared a draft of a text on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* for the consideration of the Bishops.
5. The Commission was invited to make recommendations for appointment of a CCCB representative to a committee that is revising the Health Ethics Guide of the Catholic Health Association of Canada. This project will return to the attention of this Commission as the revision proceeds.
6. In order to assist the Bishops, the Commission has prepared a background note regarding the petition that is circulating to proclaim Mary as Co-Redemptrix.

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