

## **A SUGGESTED BULLETIN INSERT ABOUT THE DIOCESAN WELCOME PROGRAMME.**

### ***'WELCOME, FAMILY FRIENDLY PARISHES'* A DIOCESAN PROGRAMME.**

Our Diocese has just launched a new programme for 2006 - entitled 'Welcome, family friendly parishes'. It is our own diocesan response to a national initiative being promoted by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales as part of the follow up to *'Listening 2004'*. It also forms a continuing part of the follow up to our own diocesan consultation a couple of years ago entitled *'Faith in the Future'*.

Bishop Brain has asked each parish to embrace this programme in 2006. It is a very simple programme that will provide us with the opportunity to reflect upon and assess what it means to be a welcoming community. Importantly, the programme will also provide us with an opportunity to share ideas and best practice across our Diocese as we come together, later in the year, to celebrate all the positive aspects of our Parish activities at the Cathedral.

Would you like to be involved in this programme in our parish?

A couple of us have already been to a presentation in the diocese, and will lead you through two parish meetings, which we are sure you will enjoy.

Our first meeting is on .....

Please come and join us!