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Association of Interchurch Families

The Association of Interchurch Families provides a support network for interchurch families (usually where one partner is Roman Catholic and the other a member of another Christian communion), and a voice for such families as they seek to make their pastoral needs known within the churches, as well as contributing to the growing together of the churches.

The Association of Interchurch Families is a registered charity dependent on annual contributions from members and donations from others.

BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, DOCUMENTS

Two Churches: One Love, by Alasdair Heron, a Church of Scotland minister, explains the Roman Catholic treatment of mixed marriages in the past and the changes since the Second Vatican Council. This is the definitive text! 84 pages. *APCK Dublin*, 1977. Last few at £1.00 incl p/p.

Celebrating the Work – Evaluating the Impact: Northern Ireland must become a place where mixed marriage is welcomed and nurtured, according to this report from the Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association (NIMMA). It encapsulates more than 30 years' of NIMMA's work and the emotions, hopes and fears, as well as the personal and moving stories of couples involved. It is a valuable piece of social history which, while documenting the past, lays down guidelines for the future. NIMMA April 2008. Price £3.00 + £1.50 p/p.

Sharing Communion: an Appeal to the Churches by Interchurch Families, edited by Ruth Reardon & Melanie Finch - *out of print*.

Interchurch Families & Christian Unity: *Interchurch Families United in baptism & marriage called to a common life in the church for the reconciliation of our churches*
Reproduced in booklet form, this paper was adopted by the 2nd World Gathering of Interchurch Families from 11 countries held in Rome in July 2003. 18 pages, A5 format. Price £1.00 incl post & packing.

Churches Together in Marriage: Pastoral Care of Interchurch Families published by Churches Together in England and CYTUN (Churches Together in Wales) and prepared by a working group set up by the Group for Local Unity of CTE. It draws on material supplied by the churches, interchurch families, and professionals concerned with marriage support, containing *guidelines* for local clergy and ministers and *recommendations* for the consideration of church leaders. 76 pages. 1994. Price £2.50 + £1 p/p.

How to survive being Married to a Catholic by M Henesey & R Gallagher.
Why do Catholics go to Mass on Sundays? What do they think about sex and marriage? Do their partners have to make promises about bringing up of the children? Clear and honest answers to these and many other questions are given in 13 down-to-earth chapters, using a lively cartoon format. This book tells what Catholics (and other Christians) believe and what differences it makes to their lives. Revised edition: 63 pages in A4 format. *Redemptorist Publications* Nov 2007. Price £7.95 + £1.50 p/p.

Whom God Hath Joined, by Mary Bard, based on a survey of Association members, analyses the impact on church life of interchurch families who can be seen, not so much as a problem to their churches, but also a point of strength and cause for rejoicing. 120 pages. McCrimmons 1987. Price £2.00 incl p/p.

Ecumenism for Catholics: the story, the theory, the practice, by William Steele - out of print.

Mixed Marriages - Revised Directory
The policy of the Catholic Church with regard to marriages between Catholics and those of other denominations, or none, was set out in 1970 by Pope Paul VI in *Matrimonia Mixta*. The particular situation in England and Wales, which John Paul II termed "a special ecumenical terrain", led to Paul VI's document being released as a directory, initially in 1970. It was revised in 1977 and again in 1990 in the light of John Paul II's visit to Britain and the new Code of Canon Law. Paul VI's *Motu Proprio* is annotated with the text of the directory produced by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. *CTS Do431* 1990. 34 pages. *re-published 2005*. Price £2.50 + 70p p/p.

Directory for the Application of Principles & Norms on Ecumenism, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Rome, 25 March 1993, includes an important section on mixed marriages. 96 pages. *CTS Do615* 1993. Price £3.75 + £1 p/p.

May my husband* (a Christian from another Church) ever receive Holy Communion with me? – How? (*or my wife/parent/child)
A most helpful leaflet published by the National Board of Catholic Women and available exclusively from AIF A5 folded. Price 20p ea + 40p p/p (up to 5 copies).

Home Is a Holy Place - Reflections, Prayers and Meditations Inspired by the Ordinary. *Mark G. Boyer* offers us a refreshing pause with heart-warming stories, biblical quotations, questions for personal reflection, and homespun prayers. The 37 spiritual exercises in this book are equally suited to people who live alone, to couples and to families. *ACTA Publications* 1997. Special price £3.00 + £1 p/p.

Growing Together in Unity and Mission
IARCCUM's report is not an authoritative declaration by the Roman Catholic Church or by the Anglican Communion. What is offered by IARCCUM here "is intended to foster discussion and reflection...and a call for action, based upon 'an honest appraisal of what has been achieved in our dialogue'". *SPCK* 2007. Price £7.99 + £1 p/p.

RESOURCE PACKS

The Association of Interchurch Families has put together *Resource Packs* on the main topics that concern interchurch families. Included are personal stories, accurate information on church rules, theological reflections, and suggestions for possible ways forward. *We do not charge for Resource Packs but ask for an appropriate donation to cover the cost of printing, postage and materials, and the price of any publications which may be included.*

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- Interchurch Families & Christian Unity**
(Pack temporarily out of print – refer to booklet: *Interchurch families & Christian Unity*)
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