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MAY/JUNE 2007 SESSION OF ASSESSMENTS

FDT5460 Building the Ecclesial Community Thurs 31 May 2007

08.00 – 10.00

Use **FOUR** different scripts, one for **EACH** answer.
You are advised to devote about thirty minutes in answering each question.

1. Either:

- (a) Working within a community might favour subsidiarity, better economical use of resources ...
However, Acts 2,42 – 47 gives other motivations for communion within the Church : “⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

Discuss Koinōnia as a sign.

Or:

- (b) How can the Word of God serve as foundation for building the ecclesial community?

2. Either:

- (a) What are the most important values to be embraced and interiorized in the building of the ecclesial community? Elaborate upon them.

Or:

- (b) Highlight **and** criticise the chief aspects of the contribution of **one** of the following to the praxis of community–building:

- (i) Brendan Leahy
(ii) The 2006 White Paper by Cardinal Murphy O’Connor

3. Either:

- (a) Explain in brief, an outline of a pastoral programme for the family on a parish level.

Or:

- (b) How can a pastoral programme for the family be incorporated with other programmes dealing with children, adolescents, adults and elderly people?

4. Either:

- (a) Elaborate briefly on the nature, constitution and function of the Council of Priests in present-day legislation, with reference to the position obtaining in Malta.

Or:

- (b) Discuss briefly the role of the Parish Priest as outlined in the Code of Canon Law with reference to the pastoral and administrative spheres of his activity.