

FAMILY COMMISSION TANZANIA

- 1- The first task soon after its official inauguration by the Tanzanian Episcopal Conference was to look from various Church Documents the main and important teachings of the church about the Family. The Commission studied carefully on the Documents of Vat. II as well as the Documents of various popes especially those of Pope John Paul II and those of Pope Benedict XVI. The main aim was to be in line with those Fathers' teachings on the importance of the roles of the family especially for the Church of today.
- 2- The Commission organized some seminars in two Church Metropolitans of Mwanza and that of Dar Es Salaam attended by their respective dioceses to conscientize them about the importance of starting the Family Commission in their dioceses and to give a kind of a guideline on how to establish these commissions not only at the diocesan level but also down to small Christian communities. It is very unfortunate that the commission could not raise enough funds for all the metropolitans to be reached by the commission. However various efforts are still on the way to get fund from well wishers to make sure that all dioceses become aware of the workings of the Family Commission.
- 3- Currently some dioceses with the help of the Commission conduct seminars at their levels on the roles of the Christian Family today, Family planning, the effects of contraceptives and the teachings for the couples before and after marriage etc.
- 4- The Bishop Chairman of Family Commission, the Executive Secretary of the Commission in Tanzania Episcopal Conference, together with some families managed to attend the International Conference for the Family addressed by Pope Benedict XVI at Milan some three years back.