

# Cardinal Seán's Blog

Cardinal Seán shares his reflections & experiences.

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Christ is Risen!

I hope you had a happy and blessed Easter!

Last Thursday, I met with Dr. Laura Garcia of Boston College, Lisa Alberghini of our Planning Office for Urban Affairs and Sister Nancy Kehoe. Sister Kehoe is a psychologist who is very involved in trying to provide pastoral care for people with mental illness. That is a theme that interests me very much and one of the things we have been trying to do is to look at the problem of housing for mentally ill people. Of course, housing development is an area that the Planning Office has great expertise in, so that is why I asked Lisa to join us.



Many cases of homelessness today are not merely the result of a housing shortage or unemployment but a great deal of it can be traced to mental health problems. We had a wonderful meeting and we hope to be able to start some new initiatives along these lines in the archdiocese.

There was great symbolism for me in holding this meeting on Holy Thursday, the day that we celebrate the new commandment of love, because our mentally ill are some of the most marginalized people in society and in the Church.

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That evening, we had the bilingual Mass of the Last Supper for Holy Thursday.