## EVENING GATHERING OF THE EXTENDED FAMILY IN THE MOTHER HOUSE 6 February 2012,

Ursula Canavan

We continued with the theme for the year, based on Mary Milligan's poem « A Seed was Planted », which Marion and Marie Jean had established at the last meeting. We were delighted to welcome so many people from Béziers and the surrounding areas in spite of the severe cold.

The evening began with the Eucharist, celebrated by Father Charles Vernazobres for the deceased members of the Extended Family. It was a moving liturgy: Father Charles gave a touching homily, Lucienne had prepared the Prayers of the Faithful and Marie Jean led the singing. At the end of Mass she reminded us of the necessity of spreading the seed planted by Father Gailhac and encouraged us to pray for vocations.

There followed an enjoyable supper, as we savoured the tasty dishes and desserts which our guests had brought. It was indeed a lovely joyful \_\_\_\_\_ meeting.

