

# CONFERENCE TWO

RESOURCES

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#### **HANDOUT**

While the cloth rabbit and the stuffed horse were lying on the bedroom floor, the rabbit asked,

'What is real? Does it mean having a stick out handle and things inside you going around?'

'Real isn't how you are made', said the horse. 'It's a thing that happens to you when a child loves you for a long time, not just to play with, but really, really, loves you – then you become real'.

'Does it hurt?' asked the rabbit?

'Sometimes' said the horse. 'But when you are real you don't mind being hurt'.

'Does it happen all at once like being wound up?'

'No', said the horse, 'you become real over a long time so it doesn't often happen to those who break easily, have sharp edges, or have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are real most of your hair has been loved off, your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter when you are real'.

"The Velveteen Rabbit" by Margery Williams

## FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

1.	Reflect on your life. Are their times when you have space to focus and listen to the Word of God? If not, would you like to make time? How can you best do that?
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2.	Draw the ear of your heart. Abstract is an interesting way to go about this drawing. Or if you are a potter use that medium or any other medium whereby you can express what you understand by the "ear of the heart".
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3.	Spend some time reflecting on the quote from Fr. Frank
	Andersen (pg. 42). Notice your feeling reaction when you
	read that "Jesus lived right up against the realities of his
	life". What does it mean for you personally to live right up
	against the realities of your life? How does this translate as
	obedience?
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### REFLECTION

Click the link on page 18 to listen to Fr Paul Gurr OCarm, singing the "Prayer of Abandonment".



The word given to me this week