

Daily log
CIB Symposium 2010
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It is September 4 and sixteen Sisters are already at Sant'Anselmo making preparations for the Symposium that begins September 8. A few of us arrived September 1.

Right now, I am sitting in the middle of a long conference table. To my left, Sisters Janine Mettling and Elaine Schroeder, liturgists for the Symposium, are putting the finishing touches on the opening ritual. To my right, Sister Mary Jane Vergotz, Symposium Coordinator, and Christine Vladimiroff, a delegate and member of the planning committee, are working on bedroom assignments.

In the next room, Sister Mary Rardin, CIB Secretary, is busy at her laptop, while Sister Monica Lewis, Secretary Coordinator, is directing a crew of assistants as they carry furniture from here to there and arrange folders and nametags for the registration rush.

Sister Judith Ann Heble, CIB Moderator, is in and out and all about. Translators are changing English into German and German into Italian and Italian into French and French into Spanish.

I am carrying out my duties as photographer, media contact person and daily log writer, which, for now, means that I am mostly poking a camera into people's faces as they work, for which they are all very grateful, as you can imagine.

Those who were here for the Symposium in 2006 will find that renovations at Sant'Anselmo have progressed. The entry to the Church has been completed and therefore no longer boarded up. Renovation of bedrooms in the "Annex" was completed this week. Monks from Switzerland were here to make new furniture for these rooms.

By the time all the participants arrive, we will be at the door to greet them with a hearty "Buon giorno."