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2014 CIB Symposium Planning News

The CIB Administrative Council and the 2014 CIB Symposium Planning Team met at Sant' Antonio Abate Monastery in Rome from January 13th to the 16th to work on preparations for the Symposium in September. S. Judith Ann Heble, Moderator, M. Thérèse-Marie Dupagne, Assistant Moderator, S. Mary John Mananzan and S. Metilda George represented the Administrative Council. Members of the Symposium Planning Team include: S. Juliann Babcock and S. Susan Barber, Liturgists; S. Lumen Gloria Dungca and M. Araceli Escurzon, Facilitators; S. Mary Luke Jones, Coordinator and S. Mary Jane Vergotz, CIB Secretary. This was the first time that the two groups had met together.

The Planning Team visited Sant'Anselmo to meet with P. Elias Lorenzo and F. Methodius Voelkel who are assisting with Symposium planning. The group toured the facilities and worked out arrangements for the meeting and worship spaces, housing, meals and equipment. The Sisters joined the Sant'Anselmo Community for prayer and dinner.

Throughout the week the Planning Team Members worked to develop a plan for their particular area of responsibility. They met with the Administrative Council to review their plans and seek input on developing a meaning program to address the theme: *Listen ... with the ear of your heart*. The Administrative Council Members shared their insights and experiences at previous Symposia.

Abbot Primate Notker Wolf joined the group for dinner one evening to visit with the Administrative Council and meet the Planning Team. He is excited about the plans for the Symposium and looks forward to visiting with the women who will represent Benedictine Nuns and Sisters throughout the world. The Abbot Primate Notker Wolf will accompany the Young Sisters to the Catacombs of Priscilla to celebrate Mass and tour the catacombs during the Symposium.

Symposium Information

S. Judith Ann will send detailed information about the Symposium Program in March.

Look for:

- Symposium registration form, fees and deadlines.
- Symposium calendar.
- Transportation.
- Visa requirements.
- Solidarity Fund Application.
- Suggested preparation for the Symposium.
- Accommodation options.



S. Juliann Babcock and S. Mary Luke Jones join Abbot Primate Notker Wolf for a photo following dinner at Sant' Antonio.