



## CIB NEWS BULLETIN #6

### Meeting of the CIB Administrative Council

January 10-12, 2011



Front L to R: M. Mary John Mananzan S. Judith Ann Heble, M. Metilda George. Back L to R: S. Mary Jane Vergotz, M. Zoë Davis, M. Thérèse-Marie Dupagne and M. Magdalena Shetunyenga attended the CIB Administrative Council meeting in Rome from January 10-12, 2011. There were three full days of meetings along with time to enjoy the hospitality of M. Michela Porcellato and her Sisters. On the final evening of our meetings, M. Michela hosted a dinner that included Abbot Primate Notker Wolf. All of us enjoyed our “Arrivederci Roma” evening gathering. We are grateful to M. Michela and her Sisters for the hospitality they have extended to the CIB over many years including the 2010 Symposium.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **Review of the 2010 Symposium:** The administrative council shared their personal highlights of the symposium. Some of the comments included: an appreciation for the short, simple liturgies that included participation from all language groups; substantial inspiring input from our speakers and presenters; the spirit of “oneness”; participation of the young sisters; informative regional displays; daily activity coverage on the CIB website and the experience of a “grand reunion”.
- **CIB Finances:** The council reviewed and discussed the 2010 financial report. The 2011 budget was reviewed and approved.

- **A.I.M. International Meeting:** M. Thérèse-Marie represented the CIB at the A.I.M. International meeting held at St. Ottilien Archabbey in Bavaria in November. She was grateful for the opportunity to share in the work of A.I.M International.
- **St. Benedict Education Foundation Board Meeting:** S. Judith Ann gave a report on the St. Benedict Education Foundation which was established in the U.S.A. to raise funds in support of Sant'Anselmo. The St. Scholastica Scholarship Fund was established within the Foundation to provide scholarships to Benedictine Women who study at Sant'Anselmo. Benedictine Women who are interested in studying at Sant'Anselmo are encouraged to apply for these scholarships.
- **Catalogus Update:** The official directory of International Benedictine Women, *Catalogus Monasteriorum O.S.B. Sororum et Monialium*, published in 2006 will be updated in time for the 2014 CIB Symposium. Further information will be provided to you as we develop the process to gather current information on your members.
- **CIB Website:** Our website has information about the CIB Symposium and CIB Conference Meetings. Please go to: [www.benedictines-cib.org](http://www.benedictines-cib.org) for the latest information about the CIB. We are grateful to S. Benedict Brown of Turvey Abbey, England who maintains our website. Please contact S. Mary Jane Vergotz, CIB Secretary at [smaryjane@mtstbenedict.org](mailto:smaryjane@mtstbenedict.org) for further information about the website or to post information from your region on the CIB website.
- **CIB Calendar 2011: September 2- 17 Meeting of the CIB Conference in Lomé, Togo, Ghana, Benin.** Information about the meeting was emailed to all delegates on February 10, 2011. Please note the **June 1, 2011 deadline** for registration, help with Visa applications and Solidarity Fund applications.

## 2011CIB REGIONAL MEETING DISCUSSION

### IN PREPARATION FOR THE CIB CONFERENCE MEETING SEPTEMBER 2-17, 2011

#### 2010-2014 CIB GOALS AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### 1. SOLIDARITY

To build mutual support within our communities, across our Regions and throughout the world.

- *How do you build mutual support among the communities in your Region?*

#### 2. AUTHENTICITY

To live in personal and communal fidelity to Benedictine life as women of the Word, refunding from within while facing with passion, joy and hope the challenges of our time.

- *How do the challenges of your Region impact your personal and communal fidelity to Benedictine life as women of the Word?*

#### 3. REVERENCE

To be committed to justice and peace through profound reverence for each other, recognizing the sacredness of the earth and all peoples, especially children.

- *How does reverence manifest itself in your commitment to justice and peace in your Region?*