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Benedictine leaders attend international CIB Symposium

CLYDE, Mo. – Benedictine Sisters from North America, Europe and Africa gathered for the Sixth International Communio Internationalis Benedictinarum Symposium last month in Rome, and joining in the event were Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration Pat Nyquist, OSB and Sean Douglas, OSB.

The event, held every four years, celebrated the theme “Witnesses of Hope” and was hosted by St. Anselm on the Aventine Hill. Members of Benedictine women religious enjoyed presentations on the place of hope in Benedictine spirituality and rediscovering the art of living. The weeklong event also included discussions and panel presentations.

Sister Sean, who serves as the prioress of the Benedictine Sisters’ Clyde monastery, especially benefitted from the one-on-one contact with other women religious from around the world as well as a round table discussion that included younger sisters seated in the middle of the room while older sisters listened nearby.



BSPA Prioress General Sister Pat Nyquist (above) traveled to beautiful Rome for the Sixth International CIB Symposium held in September.

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“Afterward, we experienced sisters were asked to comment on their questions and answers,” Sister Sean said. “It was wonderful to share dialogue among the older and younger sisters.”

The symposium’s international participants offered a kaleidoscope of languages, but Sister Sean said interpreters made it easier to communicate if sisters were not fluent in English.

“In our hearts, we are all Benedictines,” she said.

Symposium participants also traveled to the Italian town of Norcia, the fabled birthplace of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

“I have traveled throughout Europe but had never before been to such a treasured Benedictine place,” Sister Sean said. “It was an absolute treat.”



Benedictine Sisters from Africa joined European and North American counterparts in September for the CIB Symposium, held every four years for Benedictine women religious.

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