International Community Inservice, Rome, Italy



May began the launch of the new International Community in Coesfeld. The four members, Sister Maria Almuth Göke (Coesfeld), Sister Maria Henrika Sitanggang (Jakarta), Sister Kerstin Maria Deubel (Toledo) and Sister Marie MuYoung Cho (Inchon), began their new life and mission together by participating in a two week inservice in the Motherhouse facilitated by Sister Mary Kristin and the Assistants. During the two weeks, the Sisters spent time getting to know each other, formulating their mission statement, imagining possibilities for outreach and working on some of the more practical aspects of community life. Special attention was given to the mission of the house and the role the community would play in future congregational pilgrimages to Germany.

During their stay, the Motherhouse community celebrated the annual May Crowning by processing to the various images of Mary on the Motherhouse property while praying the Rosary and singing the Lourdes hymn in all the languages of the Congregation. The procession culminated with the crowing of Mary by the two youngest Sisters of the community.