

Companions of Pauline

Companions Join Coordinators in Rome

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Five Coordinators/Directors of the Associates of the Sisters of Christian Charity representing five continents of the world, and each accompanied by a designated SCC Associate, met in Rome, Italy, from February 22-27, 2010, and from March 1-6, 2010 in Paderborn, Germany to share about the growth and development of the Companions of Pauline programs in their respective geographical areas in our Congregation.

Sr. Pauline Schafer, Director of the Companions of Pauline, and Kathleen Soupenne, Lay Leader of the Companions of Pauline in Louisiana, represented the North American Western Province. While they were in Rome, they had the privilege of visiting the holy places that Mother Pauline herself had visited; in Paderborn and the surrounding areas they walked in Mother Pauline's footsteps so to speak as they visited Mother Pauline's birthplace and where she had grown up, attended school, ministered to the poor, educated the young and, eventually, founded the Sisters of Christian Charity.

Later, in a letter to the Sisters, Sr. M. Adalberta Mette, Superior General of the Sisters of Christian Charity, had this to say about the importance of these meetings of the Coordinators/Directors of the Companions of Pauline and the Associates: "The gathering with the coordinators and the representatives of our Companions of Pauline here in Rome and then in Paderborn was a very important step in the context of the future planning of our Congregation. We Sisters appreciate with gratitude the answer of the associates to God's call to live Mother Pauline's charism in their respective lifestyle. At the same time this is a challenge for us Sisters to form our life more and more profoundly by our charism so that it will remain attractive for the people of our time." ☩



↳ PADERBORN — During the meetings of the Companions and Coordinators, this banner was hung in St. Conrad Chapel (where Mother Pauline is buried). Each of the sandals represents a Companion of Pauline of the Western Province; all were remembered in prayer at Mother Pauline's grave.



↳ PADERBORN, Germany — Motherhouse: Coordinators of the Companions of Pauline gather in Mother Pauline's bedroom. Sr. Maria Graciela Nuñez (Uruguay-Argentina Delegation), Sr. Maria Immacolata Marino (Italy), Gladys Valenzuela and Sr. Cecilia Poblete (Chilean Province), Claudia Mura (Uruguay-Argentina Delegation), Linda Barrera (Philippines Unit), Sr. Joseph Spring (Eastern Province), Kathleen Soupenne and Sr. Pauline Schafer (Western Province), Judy Fischer (Eastern Province), Sr. Christild Neuheuser (German Province), Sr. Maria Dolores Tan (Philippines Unit)