

COMMUNIQUÉ

The Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) met from 26 August to 3 September at the Prieuré St Benoît et Ste Scholastique, Montmartre, Paris. The Most Reverend Alexander J. Brunett, Archbishop of Seattle, USA, joined the Commission as the Roman Catholic Co-chairman. The Anglican Co-chairman is the Most Reverend Francis T. Griswold, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, USA. In addition, the Secretary of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, the Right Reverend Walter Kasper, emeritus Bishop of Rottenburg-Stuttgart was welcomed as a new member. Dom Emmanuel Lanne OSB assisted the Commission as a consultant on matters related to the Eastern Church.

Since the Commission last met, an important international meeting between Anglican and Catholic bishops took place in Mississauga, Canada from 14th to 20th May, under the presidency of Cardinal Edward Cassidy of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and Archbishop of Canterbury Dr George Carey. The bishops concluded by issuing an action plan containing proposals for further steps towards unity between the Churches. Some members of ARCIC who had assisted at the Mississauga meeting were able to brief the rest of the Commission in detail about its results, particularly the recommendations concerning the theological dialogue.

In response to a specific recommendation from the Mississauga meeting, ARCIC carried forward its discussion on Mary in the life and doctrine of the Church, a topic to which it had given preliminary consideration last year because it was a matter outstanding from its original mandate.

In addition, the Commission took note of reports of how its most recent agreed statement *The Gift of Authority* (May 1999) is being discussed in various parts of the world.

The Commission expressed its gratitude to the Benedictine Sisters of Montmartre for their warm hospitality and the opportunity to join with them each day in common prayer.

ARCIC will next meet in Dublin, Ireland from 27 August to 4 September 2001.

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