

Fraternal visits and ecumenical presence

Cardinal Roger Etchegaray

Also in these last few months many guests have visited us: in each one of them — as St Benedict exhorts us in his *Rule* (no. 53) — we have tried to recognize the Lord in person and to receive his mercy.

We wish first of all to mention the bishops of Italian dioceses: **Gabriele Mana**, our bishop of Biella, who again this year chose to conclude the Week of prayer for Christian unity with us; **Massimo Giustetti**, retired bishop of Biella; **Arrigo Miglio**, bishop of Ivrea; **Agostino Gardin**, secretary of the Congregation for religious; **Paolo Magnani**, retired bishop of Treviso; **Antonio Buoncristiani**, bishop of Siena; **Gianni Ambrosio**, bishop of Piacenza; **Tommaso Valentinetti**, bishop of Pescara. Among the foreign bishops who have visited us we recall cardinal **Roger Etchegaray**, who spent a few weeks of rest in Bose at the end of April; **Adriaan van Luyn**, bishop of Rotterdam, who, as every year, came for a week of spiritual retreat; **Athenagoras Peckstadt**, bishop of Sinope, Greek-Orthodox auxiliary of Brussels, who came to visit the ailing metropolitan Emilianos shortly before his departure from Bose to bring him a message of support from the ecumenical patriarch Bartholomeos; **Martin Lind**, Lutheran bishop of Linköping (Sweden), who accompanied a group of young people.

Among other visits that were occasions of ecumenical encounters, we are pleased to record that of **Tamara Grdzeldze** of the World Council of Churches in Geneva; of the rev. **Maggie Guillebaud**, who carries out presbyteral ministry in the Anglican cathedral of Salisbury; and of pastor **Peter Halldorf**, founder and director of the community of Biärka-Säby in Sweden, other members of which have also been our guests.