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Our attention to the quality and to the possibilities of the liturgy has also found a fertile exchange with persons and institutions that in the Church exercise a specific liturgical ministry. Thus, for some years now in collaboration with the National Office for the Liturgical Heritage of the Church of the Italian Bishops' Conference we have been organizing an International Liturgical Conference, which focuses on themes that draw on the synergy between sacred architecture and liturgy. From 5 to 7 June 180 participants ? liturgists, architects, bishops, pastors, monks from many countries ? reflected on and discussed the Holy Assembly: forms, presence, presiding minister; this was the natural outcome of a series that in preceding years had treated of Altar, Ambo, Orientation, and Baptistry. As br. Enzo Bianchi observed, "every architectural space shapes a certain form of assembly, which in turn expresses a particular idea of church". Especially welcome, among others, was the fraternal presence on this occasion of Piero Marini, now the president of the Pontifical committee for the international Eucharistic congresses, who continues to give us evidence of his affinity and friendship. The choice by the Association of professors and students of liturgy of our monastery for its annual study week in August, which was dedicated to Liturgy and Ecumenism, seems to us to be a confirmation of the course we have taken in these years and an encouragement to favor the liturgical dimension as a fertile space for ecumenical dialogue.