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held Barletta; about "God's Word and Word's mystery" at the liturgical week organized by the Church of Mantova on the theme of "The mystery, the Word, and the words". Br Ludwig participated at the conference of the **scholars of the Old Testament of the ABI** at Ariccia with a paper on "The prophecy at Qumran". Br Matteo delivered a paper on Syriac monasticism in China (9th century) at the **3rd international conference on the Church of the East in Central Asia and China** held in Salzburg (Austria). Contributions of the prior br Enzo, of br. Luciano, and of br. Goffredo were presented at the festival "Torino spiritualità".