

Our presence among the Churches and among men

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Other brothers and sisters too have been occupied outside the community for meetings and preaching: br Adalberto participated in **Paris** in a seminar on the councils of the Orthodox Churches with a paper on the councils of Moscow in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; br Gianmatteo led some meditations on the liturgy of the hours at the vicariate of **Portici** (Naples); br Davide preached the spiritual exercises to the seminarians of **Pozzuoli**; while during Lent br Luciano and br Ludwig led the weekly lectio divina at **San Lorenzo (Turin)**.

In addition, br Luciano preached in Tours, on the invitation of archbishop **Nicholas Aubertin**, to priests and to the entire diocese, on the theme of the word of God. Sr Raffaella gave a Biblical course on the psalms to the Poor Clares of **Gubbio**, while sr Lisa traveled to **Germany** to preach to the priests of the Italian mission. Br Goffredo preached a day of retreat to the priests of the diocese of **Urbino** on the theme of “The priest and prayer” and participated in the work of the Consulta of the National Liturgical Office in **Rome** and in that of the Regional liturgical commission of Abruzzo in **Ancona** with a paper on liturgical practice today. He was

also invited by bishop **Felice Di Molfetta** to conduct a day of studies for the clergy of the diocese of **Cerignola-Ascoli Satriano** on the topic “The word of God in the priest’s life”.