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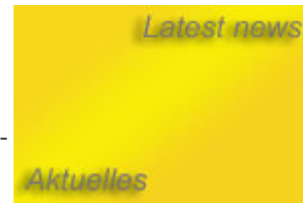
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International Roman Catholic – Old Catholic Dialogue Commission

The International Roman Catholic – Old Catholic Dialogue Commission (IRAD) met for their 10th meeting from 19th to 21st October 2008 in Würzburg, Germany. The Commission continued to work on a consensus paper on the understanding of the Church.

The following points of difference were addressed in the spirit of a differentiated consensus:

the dogma of the immaculate conception of Mary (1854) and the heavenly assumption of Mary (1950), the practice of the ordination of women to the priesthood, which exists in the majority of the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht and the jurisdictional tie of former Roman Catholic priests in Old Catholic Churches to Roman Catholic Canon Law.

The IRAD was established in 2003 by the International Old Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity in order to further develop, on an international level, the work of previous talks, which had been conducted in individual countries. It is planned to continue with the consultations in the first half of 2009.

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