

HISTORIC FIRST IN KOBLENZ, GERMANY

Bishop J. Gérard LaPlante went to Germany at the end of May for the baptism of Lina Alsbach, daughter of Mr. Jürgen Alsbach and his wife Astrid. Lina Sophie Alsbach was baptized by Bishop Gérard LaPlante on June 4, 2006 at the Old Catholic Jakobuskirche (St. James Church) in Koblenz, Germany. This marked the first time that Bishop J. Gérard LaPlante concelebrated and administered a sacrament since we have been accepted in the Utrecht Union. For this reason it was a very joyous event, not only for the Alsbach family, as Lina is the first grandchild, but also for the Old Catholic Church of BC & Society.



Above left: Bishop LaPlante with the parents Mr. Jürgen and Astrid Alsbach at the baptism of Lina Alsbach on June 4, 2006



Above right: Fr. Ralf Staymann, the local Old Catholic Priest, with Bishop LaPlante at the baptism of Lina Alsbach



Above left: The former Vicar General of the Old Catholic Church in Germany with Bishop LaPlante and Mr. Jürgen Alsbach



Above right: Outside Jakobuskirche (St. James Old) Catholic Church in Koblenz: left to right: Mrs. Astrid Alsbach, holding Lina, the grandmother of Lina, Mrs. Westendorf, Bishop LaPlante, the brother and father of Astrid, Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, Mr. Jürgen Alsbach, Mr. Jim Gee