

## The Utrecht Union

### Bishop LaPlante attending the Old Catholic Congress in Freiburg

The Congress of the Utrecht Union of Old Catholic Churches took place in Freiburg, Germany from August 7 – 11, 2006. This was to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bonn Agreement and Bishops from all over Europe were present. Bishop J. Gérard LaPlante represented the Old Catholic Church of BC. The Old Catholic Church of BC was accepted in the Union of Utrecht of Old Catholic Churches in 2006. During the event, Bishop LaPlante met the Archbishop of Utrecht, Holland, the Most Rev. Dr. Joris A.O.L. Vercammen and the Archbishop of Canterbury, England, the Most Rev. Dr. Rowan Williams.



Above left: Bishop LaPlante (right) with the Archbishop of Utrecht, the Most Rev. Dr. Joris A.O.L. Vercammen



Above right: Bishop LaPlante with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Dr. Rowan Williams



above left: The Rt. Rev. Bishop J. Gérard LaPlante with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Dr. Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Utrecht, the Most Rev. Dr. Joris A.O.L. Vercammen, the Old Catholic Bishop of Germany, the Rt. Rev. Joachim Vobbe, the Dean for Old Catholic Communities in Italy, Fr. Dr. Petr Zivny



Above right: Bishop LaPlante at the Old Catholic Congress in Freiburg, in the front row: the Mayor of Freiburg, Dr. Salomon, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Freiburg, the Most Rev. Robert Zollitsch, the Archbishop of Utrecht, the Most Rev. Dr. Joris Vercammen, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Dr. Rowan Williams, the chairman of the council of the Evangelical Church in Germany, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Wolfgang Huber, the Bishop of the Old Catholic Church of Germany, the Rt. Rev. Joachim Vobbe, the Greek Orthodox Representative, the Coptic Orthodox Bishop of Germany, the Rt. Rev. Anba Damien