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# Fraternal visits

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Card. Gianfranco Ravasi

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As always, moreover, very precious moments for us have been exchanges with brothers and sisters who share our form of life. In these last few months they have been revived by visits and exchanges with the Italian Benedictine communities of Dumenza, Viboldone, and San Giulio d'Orta, and with the French Trappist community of Blauvac..