

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAY CISTERCIAN COMMUNITIES
House Report

- 1) Name of lay community: Cistercian Fraternity of Gdansk
- 2) Contact person: Dariusz Dabrowski
- 3) Date group was established: 2002
- 4) Number of members: 3
- 5) Monastic liaison(s): Father Michael Ziolo, Abbaye Notre Dame d'Aiguebelle - 26230 Montjoyer - France
- 6) Date of adoption of the Lay Cistercian identity document: 12 December 2008
- 7) Charter and Statutes – Statute
- 8) Leadership Council – Coordinator
- 9) Formation program – For formation we use letters sent us by Father Michael Ziolo

Please describe your community's situation considering the characteristics described in the document generated in Dubuque on "Characteristics of Lay Cistercian Communities."(no need to answer number 1):

1. *Lay Cistercian Communities receive written recognition from the Abbot/Abbess of the monastery with which the lay community is associated.*
2. *Lay Cistercians communities are assisted by a liaison from the monastic community appointed by the Abbot/Abbess.*

We are in touch with our liaison by emails, normal mail, telephone and personal meetings. Father Michael sometimes comes to Poland so on this occasions he teaches us personally. He has already sent us about thirty letters on different subjects (e.g. on *lectio divina*, on *silence*, on *how to read the Rule*) and we use them. Also we have been to Aigubelle.

3. *Lay Cistercian Communities recognize and adopt the Lay Cistercian Identity document approved in Huerta in 2008.*

We recognize and adopt the letter.

4. *Lay Cistercian Communities have a Charter and Statutes, approved by its members, which outline the spiritual goals of the group as well as its functioning and the link it has with the monastery.*

We have a Statute approved by our members in 2002.

5. *Lay Cistercian Communities have a leadership council, comprised of lay members, that is responsible for the administration of the group.*

Coordinator is elected by all members of the Fraternity for a duration of four years, renewable. He or she is responsible for the administration of the group.

6. *Lay Cistercian Communities have developed a formation program comprised of a curriculum of topics and learning activities that address the values and practices of the Cistercian Charism.*

In our formation program we use materials prepared by Father Michael Ziolo. He has already sent us about thirty letters on different subjects (e.g. on *lectio divina*, on *silence*, on *how to read the Rule*). We use these letters in formation.

If your community has a Charter of Incorporation or by laws we ask that you send it to us. If your community has a Council, we ask that you describe its formation, membership and election system. Your answers will be posted on the website of the association and may also be consulted during the international meeting in Lourdes.

House Report Submission Deadline: 31 December 2013

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