

"For many centuries the Church of the East and that of the West each followed their separate ways though linked in a brotherly union of faith and sacramental life..." [UR 14a]

"to find a way of exercising the primacy which, while in no way renouncing what is essential to its mission, is nonetheless open to a new situation"
[Ut unum sint, 95b]

Thursday, 3 September:
"Future Horizons"

9:00 **Paul McPartlan**, *Recent Ecclesiological Perspectives on the Petrine Office: A Catholic Perspective*

9:30 **Evgeny Pilipenko**, *Recent Ecclesiological Perspectives on the Petrine Office: An Orthodox Perspective*

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **John Faris**, *Primacy in Service of Synodality in the Catholic Church*

11:30 **Sorin Șelaru**, *Protos in Service of Synodality in the Orthodox Church*

12:45 Lunch

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13:30 Departure to Esztergom

15:00 Visit to the Primatial Basilica and Treasury

17:00 General Assembly

19:00 Gala Dinner in the historic Primate Cellar

Friday, 4 September:
Excursion Day (Optional)

9:00 Departure to Szentendre

10:30 Visit to the Serbian Orthodox Ecclesiastical Museum in Szentendre

13:00 Farewell lunch in Szentendre

15.00 Shuttle service back to D-50



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Monday, 31 August:
Opening Day

- 15:00 Registration
17:00 *Welcome speeches*
17:30 ✠ Metr. Grigorios Papathomas,
Introductory Conference
18:00 ✠ Card. Péter Erdő *Opening Conference*

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19:30 Welcome drink and dinner

Tuesday, 1 September:
“Ancient Traditions, East & West”

- 9:00 Amphilochios Miltos, *Bishop of Rome
in the Patristic Tradition(s)*
9:45 Ioannis Panagiotopoulos, *Various Expressions
of Primacy in History*
10:15 Orazio Condorelli, *Various Expressions of Roman
Primacy in History*
11:15 Coffee break
11:45 Hyacinthe Destivelle, *Full Communion and
Ecclesiological Diversity*
12:15 Peter Petkoff, *Full Communion and
Ecclesiological Diversity*
13:15 Lunch

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- 17:00 ✠ Metr. Job Getcha, “*Infallibility*” as Under-
stood in Orthodox Theology
17:30 Philip Goyret, *Infallibility: Catholic Rereading
of Vatican I*
19:30 Dinner

20:30 Evening sightseeing

Wednesday, 2 September:
“Future Horizons”

- 9:00 Jean-François Chiron, *Interdependence of the
Bishop of Rome and the Episcopacy*
9:45 ✠ Metr. Maximos Vgenopoulos, *The
Ecclesiological Foundations of Regional Governance*
10:15 Astrid Kaptijn, *Supra-episcopal Power: Deepening
Catholic Understanding*
11:15 Coffee break
11:45 Joseph Famérée, *A Renewed Understanding of
Petrine Ministry and Local Churches*
12:15 Vladan Perišić, *The place of the Bishop of
Rome within the one Church*
13:15 Lunch

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- 15:30 Parallel sessions
18:00 Round table: *Papal Primacy and Infallibility*
Juan Usma Gomez, ✠ Juraj Stránský,
✠ Roland Minnerath, ✠ Tiran Petrosyan
19:30 Dinner

*“The horizontal character of Orthodox ecclesiology
envisages a primacy of service in the primus...”*

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*“Knowledge creates dialogue. Through dia-logos
we establish a comparative communion with the
other; we propose, accept, listen, discuss, and learn
to understand in a positive way all those
otherwise conflicting aspects that allow us to engage
in meaningful exchange...”*

[Bartholomew I of Constantinople]