



Society for the Law
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“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]

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“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]

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

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“Knowledge creates dialogue. Through dialogues 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]

The Bishop of Rome

*Future Horizons from Ancient
Traditions for Catholics and Orthodox*

Parallel Sessions

Budapest, 31 Aug – 4 Sept 2026



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- 15:30 [Aetios Nikiforos](#), *The Canonist Pope and the Canonist Patriarch: A Comparative Study on the Doctoral Dissertations of Robert Prevost and Bartholomew Archondonis*
- 16:00 [Tibor Görföl](#), *How to integrate the office of Peter into the Church? Hans Urs von Balthasar's Theology of the Papacy in the Context of the Bishop of Rome*
- 16:30 [Hubert Kaufhold](#), *The Primacy of the Patriarch of Rome in the Perspective of the Non-Catholic Churches of the East*
- 17:00 [Santiago Vigo](#), *The Regular Exercise of the Roman Pontiff's Ordinary Power as a Self-Limitation of his Supreme Power: Juridical Foundations in Western Classical Canon Law from an Ecumenical Perspective*

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- 16:00 [Frederick Herzberg](#), *Rapprochement without Convergence: An Orthodox Reflection on the 2024 DPCU Paper "The Bishop of Rome" and Some Formal Epistemological Remarks*

- 16:30 [Shiju P. Thoppil](#), *The Exercise of the Primacy of the Roman Pontiff in Communion with Entire Church and According to the 'necessitas Ecclesiae'*
- 17:00 [Pablo Gefaell](#), *Ecumenism and Primacy*
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