
Local Churches, Collegial Bodies, Roman Authorities Balances and Tensions in Various Post-Conciliar Seasons

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Monday, Dec 15th

Session I

Chair: **Massimiliano Proietti** (FSCIRE, Bologna)

9.30-10.00 Greetings and Introduction

10.00-10.40 **Alana Harris** (King's College, London)
Experiments in Synodality in Thatcherite Britain: The 1980 Liverpool Pastoral Congress Reconsidered

10.40-11.10 Break

11.10-11.50 **Francesca Perugi** (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano)
The Council of European Episcopal Conferences from Vatican II to the Election of Leo XIV: A Summary of Its Development

11.50-12.30 Discussion

12.30 Lunch

Session II

Chair: **Luca Ferracci** (FSCIRE, Bologna)

14.00-14.40 **Shaji George Kochuthara** (Pontifical Athenaeum Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram of Bangalore)
Local Churches and Roman Authorities – Conflicts and Progress in the Post-Conciliar Period: The Case of Syro-Malabar Church

14.40-15.20 **Michael Jeong-Hun Shin** (Münich)
A Mouthpiece or a Bridge-builder? The Korean Bishops' Conference from 1965 to 2020

15.20-15.40 Break

15.40-16.20 **Chidiebere Nnabugwu** (KULeuven)
The Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar and the Reception of Vatican II's Special Concern for the Poor, 1969–2019: Successes, Challenges, and Obstacles

16:20-17.00 **Massimiliano Proietti** (FSCIRE, Bologna)
The Implementation of the Liturgical Reform and the Problem of Local Authority (SC36): Between the Practices of the Churches and Roman Directives from Vatican II to "Traditionis Custodes" (2021)

17.00-17.40 Discussion

Tuesday, Dec 16th

Session III

Chair: **Federico Ruozzi** (University of Modena-Reggio Emilia/FSCIRE, Bologna)

- 9.00- 9.40** **Adalberto Mainardi** (DREST/FSCIRE, Bologna)
Local Church, Universal Church, Synodal Church. An Unresolved Knot in Orthodox-Catholic Relationship after Vatican II (1965-70)
- 9.40-10.20** **Sandra Arenas** (Universidad Católica de Temuco)
Glocality in Debate: Chilean Synods in the Post-Conciliar Decades as an Echo of Juxtaposed Ecclesiologies
- 10.20-10.40** Break
- 10.40-11.20** **José Oscar Beozzo** (CESEEP, São Paulo)
Relations between the Local Church, the Nunciature, and the Congregation for Bishops in the Selection and Appointment of Bishops in Brazil: From Paul VI to Benedict XVI (1963-2013)
- 11.20-12:00** **Massimo Faggioli** (Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin)
The US Bishops' Conference from Paul VI to John Paul II
- 12.00-12.30** Discussion
- 12.30** Lunch

Session IV

Chair: **Adalberto Mainardi** (DREST/FSCIRE, Bologna)

- 14.00-14.40** **Franz Xaver Bischof** (Ludwig-Maximilian-University, Munich)
Between Renewal and Disciplinary Measures: From the Königstein Declaration 1968 to the End of the First Phase of the Reception of the Council in Germany and Switzerland 1975/78
- 14.40-15.20** **Christian Sorrel** (Université Lyon 2)
The French Bishops' Conference and the Holy See in the Time of the Catholic Crisis (1964-1981)
- 15.20-15.45** Break
- 15.45-16.45** **Silvia Scatena** (University of Modena-Reggio Emilia/FSCIRE, Bologna)
The Year "after" the Year of the Synod on Collegiality: The Narrow Path of a Continental Episcopal Body in its Transition to "Adulthood"
- 16.45-17.15** Discussion
- 18.00** *Lettura Dossetti*
Alberto Melloni (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia/FSCIRE, Bologna)
The Contribution of Giuseppe Dossetti to the Second Vatican Council

Wednesday, Dec 17th

Final session

Chair: **Silvia Scatena** (University of Modena-Reggio Emilia/FSCIRE, Bologna)

9.00-9.45 **Carlos Schickendantz** (Universidad San Alberto Hurtado, Santiago de Chile)
A Radically Historicized Ratio Fidei: Theological Methodologies and Ecclesial Models in Tension in Post-Conciliar Context

9.45-10.30 **Christoph Théobald** (Centre Sèvres, Paris)
The Changing "Architecture" of the Church: From Universalist Ecclesiology to a Messianic Vision of the Church as "communio ecclesiarum"

10.30-10.50 Break

10.50-12.30 *Round Table and Final Remarks*

Chair: **Alberto Melloni** (University of Modena-Reggio Emilia/FSCIRE, Bologna)

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