

*"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"

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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 Şelaru**, *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)

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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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## *The Bishop of Rome*

*Future Horizons from Ancient Traditions for Catholics and Orthodox*

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Budapest, 31 Aug – 4 Sept 2026



Pázmány Péter Catholic University  
*Institute of Canon Law "ad instar facultatis"*  
Faculty of Law and Political Sciences

Monday, 31 August:  
Opening Day

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- 15:00 Registration  
17:00 Welcome speeches  
17:30 Metr. Grigorios Papatomas,  
*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”

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- 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”

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- 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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16:00 Parallel sessions  
18:00 Round table: *Papal Primacy and Infallibility*  
Juan Usma Gomez, Juraj Stránský, Roland  
Minnerath, Hovakim Manukyan  
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]