

# Program

XXVIth International Ecumenical Conference on Orthodox Spirituality

**DISCERNMENT AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

Monastero di Bose, 5-8 September 2018

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... discernment is reckoned among the noblest gifts of the Spirit by the Apostle: "To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another the gift of healing by the same Spirit", and shortly after, "to another the discerning of spirits". You see then that the gift of discernment is no earthly thing and no slight matter, but the greatest prize of divine grace. (St John Cassian)

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Wednesday 5 September

Opening of the Conference

**Recognizing the Signs of the Times.**

**Enzo Bianchi**, Founder of Bose

**Discerning the Unity of the Church.**

**St Irenaeus and the Early Christian Tradition**

**? Irenei (Steenberg)**, Bishop of Sacramento

**The Art of Discernment: Theology and Practice in Pauline Thought.**

**Filofej (Artjušin)**, Theological Academy, Moscow

15.30

**Dia?krisis and the Theological Principle of oikonomi?a**

**Patriciu Vlaicu**, University "Babe?-Bolyai", Cluj-Napoca

**Recognising the Other Tradition.**

**Armenian-Byzantine Dialogue in Armenian Cilicia in the Twelfth Century**

**Karekin Hambardzumyan**, Etchmiadzin

Thursday 6 September

**Discernment in Times of Crisis: St Maxim the Confessor**

? Maxim Vasilijevi?, Bishop of Western America, Los Angeles

**The Temporal Dimension of Discernment. Memory and History**

John Erickson, Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary Crestwood, NY

**Criteria for Community Decisions in St Benedict Rule**

Michel Van Parys, Monastere de Chevetogne

15.30

Discerning the Present Time

**The Council of Moscow of 1917-1918**

Aleksandr Mramornov, Moscow

**Metropolitan Stephan of Sofia**

**and the Bulgarian Orthodox Church (1940-1944)**

Daniela Kalkandjieva, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridsky"

**The Antiochian Church and the Lebanese Civil War (1975-1990)**

Porphyrios Giorgi, University of Balamand

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Friday 7 September

**John Climacus on Discernment and Spiritual Perception**

Paul Gavrilyuk, University of St Thomas, St Paul MN

**The Spiritual Senses in the Syriac Tradition**

Sebastian Brock, Oxford university

**Discernment in St John Cassian**

**and the Ascetic Tradition of the Fifth Century in Gaul**

Alexej Fokin, Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

15.30

**Discernment and the Healthy Formation of the Person**

Kyriaki Fitzgerald, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline MA

**Elders and "Young Elders" in the Russian Orthodox Church**

Irina Paert, Tartu University

**The Spiritual Father Today:**

**Strength and Limits of Discernment**

Theodosios Martzouchos, Preveza

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Saturday 8 September

**The Way of Awareness**

**and Authenticity in the Church Today**

John Chryssavgis, Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Throne

**What is a Synodal Process of Discernment?**

Herve Legrand, Paris

**Learning Spiritual Discernment**

John Behr, St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood NY

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