Mater et Matres

Conference Invitation

Saint Athanasius Greek-Catholic Theological College - Nyíregyháza
Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum - Roma
Pontificio Istituto Orientale - Roma
14-16 September 2015 Nyíregyháza - Hungary

By the third century it became apparent that the lifestyle of the Christians living in the Roman Empire affected both everyday life and feasts of the population as a society shaping force. The ancient traditions appeared the most visibly first in the life of families; obviously, mothers played an essential role in this process. It is not surprising that the concept of the Christian mother has soon become emblematic also among the great fathers of the church. The conference aims to reveal and reinterpret the role of the Christian mother in the first six centuries. Special emphasis will be placed on the following topics:

- The Christian mother (historical, legal historical, sociological, theological aspects)
- The spiritual motherhood. The impact of the mother and female on the Early Christian spirituality (asceticism, poetry, correspondence)
- Mary, the mother of Jesus and Christians

The main lecturers of the conference are: Emanuela Prinzivalli (Rome) and Annewies van den Hoek (Harvard).

Fifteen minute long presentations are welcome (in English, Italian or French), which present new scientific results on the above mentioned topics. The texts of the presentations will be published lately in an internationally recognised journal.

The conference registration fee is 40 Euro. This amount covers the comfortable accommodation, the main meals, the publishing of the conference proceeding and the organised airport transfer from Budapest.

Conference registration deadline: 28 February 2015.

Registration is possible only at the following address: patristiccollegeatanaz@gmail.com

Last year the conference was opened by Angelo di Berardino and the three Lectio Magistralis presentations were held by Giuseppe Caruso, Robert Somos, Orosz Atanaz and were followed by the presentations of patrologists of eight nations (http://www.atanaz.hu/?q=content/traditio-fidei-ecclesia-Antique-0, https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.624752994212552.1073741848.506355656052287&type=3).