

### THE PETER AND PAUL SEMINAR

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**Diversity and Unity**  
**Rethinking the Teaching Office**  
**of the Episcopal Conference in**  
**a World Wide Church**

November 11–13, 2018 | Erfurt

## PROGRAM

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 16.00 h | **Opening**
- 16.30 h | **Key Features of the Worldwide Church Today: Challenges for Mission and Teaching**  
Ignace Ndongala Maduku, Congo (Groupe de théologies africaines subsahariennes, GTAS) & Université de Montreal
- 17.15 h | **The Impact of the Digitalised World on Ecclesial Processes of Discernment and Synodality in light of AG 22 speaking of “the same great sociocultural region”.**  
Henk Witte\*, University of Tilburg, Netherlands
- 18.15 h | **Supper**
- 19.30 h | **Episcopal Conferences: Attempts at Diversity in Teaching**  
Eugene Duffy\*, University of Limerick, Ireland
- 20.15 h | **Communio fidelium, communion ecclesiarum, communion episcoporum: Representation in Synodal Structures**  
Myriam Wijlens\*, University of Erfurt, Germany
- 21.00 h | **Evening prayer**

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 07.30 h | **Eucharist**
- 08.00 h | **Breakfast**
- 09.00 h | **The Role of the Holy Spirit in Safeguarding the Unity of the Church amidst Diversity – the Insights of Yves Congar**  
Joseph Famerée\*, Université catholique de Louvain la Neuve, Belgique
- 09.45 h | **The Bishops, the People of God and the munus docendi: LG 25 in relation to LG 12.**  
Peter DeMey\*, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium
- 10.30 h | **Coffee**
- 10.45 h | **The Meaning of Catholicity and the Relevance of Enculturation: Understanding the Teaching Authority of the Episcopal Conference**  
Gilles Routhier\*, Université Laval, Quebec, Canada
- 11.30 h | **CELAM and the Medellín Conference. A Collegial Ecclesiality Begotten and Accomplished**  
Rafael Luciani, Catholic University Andrés Bello in Caracas (Venezuela) & Boston College (USA), Theologian Council of Bishops of Latin America (CELAM)
- 12.15 h | **Lunch**
- 14.00 h | **Diversity in the Church Today: Theological Reflection on Teaching Authority Exercised in the East**  
Gaby Hachem, Université Saint Esprit Kaslik, Lebanon, Member International Theological Commission on “Synodality”

- 14.45 h | **Exercising Teaching Authority in the Patriarchal Church**  
Astrid Kaptijn\*, Université de Fribourg, Switzerland & president Society for the Law of the Eastern Churches.
- 15.30 h | **Coffee**
- 16.00 h | **Diverse Practice in the Exercise of the Teaching Office: Anglican-Catholic Ecumenical Learning.**  
Catherine Clifford\*, Saint Paul University Ottawa, Canada (Skype)
- 16.45 h | **Plenary Session: Initial Harvesting Fruits for a Conclusion**
- 18.15 h | **Supper**
- 19.30 h | **Public Lecture: Towards the Development of Criteria for Diversity in Unity with regard to Official Catholic Teachings on Moral Issues**  
Vimal Tirimanna CsSR, Theological Advisor Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC), Sri Lanka & Alphonsianum Rome
- 21.00 h | **Reception**
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13**
- 07.30 h | **Eucharist**
- 08.00 h | **Breakfast**
- 09.00 h | **Plenary Session: Harvesting Fruits: Drawing Conclusions**
- 11.00 h | **Coffee**
- 11.30 h | **Peter and Paul Seminar (members only) Considerations for the Future**
- 12.30 h | **Lunch - Departure**