
International Symposium
Ad Fontes Liturgicos XVII

The Functions of the Faithful in the Liturgy

 21–22 October 2026

 Faculty of Theology,
University of Opole
Opole, Poland

*“The foremost and indispensable font of the true
Christian spirit is the active participation
in the most holy mysteries and in the public
and solemn prayer of the Church”*

PIUS X, *motu proprio Tra le sollecitudini*



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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 20 October 2026

Arrival of the participants

Accommodation at the Interdiocesan Major Seminary

ul. Drzymały 1a, 45-342 Opole, Poland

Wednesday, 21 October 2026

07:30-08:30 Breakfast (Seminary)

09:00-09:30 **Opening of the Conference**

Mateusz Rafał Potoczny, Dean of the Faculty of
Theology, University of Opole

Erwin Mateja (Opole, Poland): Opening lecture

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Wednesday, 21 October 2026

09:30-11:30 Session I

Participation in the Liturgy: Theology and Contemporary Forms

Chair: **Przemysław Nowakowski CM**

Manlio Sodi (Rome, Italy): *«Participatio». Il termine nell'editio typica tertia del Missale Romanum. Linee di teologia liturgica*

Witold Ostafiński (Kraków, Poland): *Between Celebration and Performance: The Functions of the Faithful in the Liturgy in the Context of Contemporary Participatory Culture*

Dominik Gromoš (Prešov, Slovakia): *Participatio actuosa of the Laity in Contemporary Orthodox Theology*

András Dobos (Nyíregyháza, Hungary): *Il ruolo dei fedeli nell'anamnesi anaforica: testimonianze dalle preghiere eucaristiche*

Liviu Vidican-Manci (Cluj-Napoca, Romania): *Saying "Amen" to a Livestreamed Liturgy: The Faithful's Liturgical Responses and the Question of Participation*

Discussion

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

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Wednesday, 21 October 2026

12:00-14:00 Session II

Lay Ministries and Liturgical Participation

Chair: **Liviu Vidican-Manci**

Henryk Sławiński (Kraków, Poland): *Lay Preaching during the Liturgy*

Pavel Kopeček (Olomouc, Czechia): *The Appointment of Catechists in Czech Dioceses and Their Mission in Parishes*

Mateusz R. Potoczny (Opole, Poland): *The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: The Liturgical Dimension and Actual Function of a Lay Ministry in the Roman Rite*

Janusz Mieczkowski (Kraków, Poland): *L'origine e lo sviluppo del ministero dell'ostiario*

Mihail Qaramah (Alba Iulia, Romania): *The Eucharist and Fasting: Contemporary Orthodox Initiatives for Frequent Lay Communion*
Discussion

14:00

Lunch Break (Seminary)

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15:30-17:30 Session III

Diaconate, Clergy and the Faithful

Chair: **András Dobos**

Karol Litawa (Kraków, Poland): *Il ministero del diacono permanente nella liturgia eucaristica: profilo storico-teologico*

János Nyirán (Nyíregyháza, Hungary): *Il ruolo del diaconato permanente nella Chiesa Metropolitana sui iuris di Ungheria*

Przemysław Nowakowski CM (Kraków, Poland): *L'introduzione del diaconato permanente in Polonia*

Vasyl Rudeyko (Lviv, Ukraine): *A Kingdom of Priests. A Few Remarks on the Concelebration of Clergy and Faithful*

Vasyl Popelyastyi (Kyiv, Ukraine): *The Person and the Liturgical Dynamism of the Sacrament of Penance in the Early Seventeenth-Century Kyivan Church: The Penitent and the Confessor in Sacred Space*

Discussion

19:00

Festive Dinner

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Thursday, 22 October 2026

07:30-08:30 Breakfast (Seminary)

08:50-10:10 Session IV

The People of God in the Liturgy: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

Chair: **Vasyl Rudeyko**

Viktoriya Semenova (Kraków, Poland): *The Status of Women in the Liturgy: Cultural and Legal Aspects*

Filip Foltán (Olomouc, Czechia): *The Changing Role of Women in the Liturgy and Its Reflection in the Liturgical Space of the Czech Lands during the Twentieth Century*

Jarosław Superson SAC (Kraków, Poland): *Il ruolo della donna. Un contributo al dibattito sulla donna nei primi secoli del cristianesimo*

Simeon Pintea (Cluj-Napoca, Romania): *The People of God in the Liturgy. The Place and Role of the Laity in Orthodox Divine Worship*
Discussion

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

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Thursday, 22 October 2026

11:00-12:30 Session V

The Faithful in the Liturgy: Participation, Space and Beauty

Chair: **Karol Litawa**

Marcel Mojzeš (Prešov, Slovakia): *Chierici e laici partecipano all'unico mistero di Cristo. Alla scuola della teologia liturgica bizantina*

Marián Juhaniak (Olomouc, Czechia): *The Implementation of Liturgical Reform in the Arrangement of Liturgical Space in Historic Churches in Slovakia*

Maciej Skóra (Opole, Poland): *Il contributo dei laici alla bellezza della liturgia*

Ioniță Apostolache (Offenbach, Germany): *The Icon in the Life of the Orthodox Faithful*

Discussion

12:30-13:15 **Conclusions and Closing of the Conference**

13:30 Lunch (Seminary)