



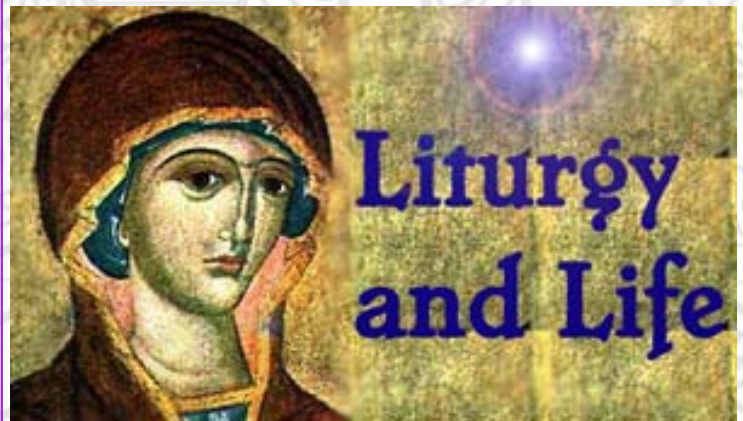
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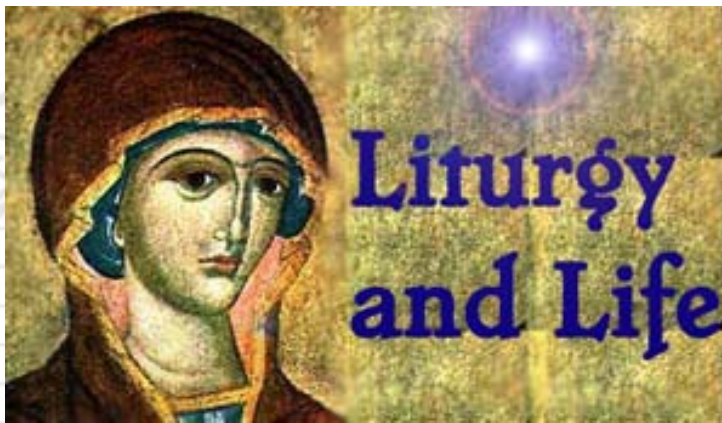
in the Early Church III



10th - 13th July 2002

**Australian Catholic University
St. Patrick's Campus
Melbourne, Australia**

The Centre for Early Christian Studies at Australian Catholic University is pleased to announce the upcoming conference, Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church 2002. This will be the third of the triennial Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church conferences run by the Centre for Early Christian Studies. These conferences focus on aspects of the temporal and spiritual concern of the Early Church and their expression in private and public prayer, liturgy, art, music, and the life of early Christians generally. Homiletics, poetry and hymnography as expressions of the life of the Early Church also form an important part of this focus. They are of interest to theologians, liturgists, historians, and biblical scholars; to scholars and students of spirituality, asceticism and monasticism; and to those with an interest in the Early Church generally.



The theme of this upcoming Prayer and Spirituality conference is "Liturgy and Life". It will thematically explore the relationship between worship and daily life for Christians of the early period.

As part of the exploration of the theme of "Liturgy and Life", the conference will also host an inter-faith forum involving scholars from each of the monotheistic traditions - **Judaism, Christianity and Islam**. This will examine the relationship between these faiths at the everyday level of "worship and life" during the early stages of their interaction. This forum, it is hoped, will engage the connections in the ancient period between the three monotheistic traditions and find areas of commonality and exchange between them, especially in areas of worship and mysticism.



INVITED SPEAKERS



Dr. Verna Harrison (Sr. Nonna)

Dr. Harrison is currently a Visiting Lecturer at the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies in Cambridge, and lives in Berkeley, California. She is a monastic of the Orthodox Church of America. Author of *Grace and Human Freedom according to St. Gregory of Nyssa* (1992), as well as many scholarly articles on topics in Patristics and contemporary Orthodox theology, her major research interests include the Cappadocian fathers, theological anthropology, gender studies and the relationships among divine and human persons. She will address the conference on "Eve in Byzantine hymnography".

Professor Charles Kannengiesser

Professor Kannengiesser is a world-renowned specialist in Patristic thought. He is the author of ten books and numerous articles in this field, possessing particular expertise in both the Alexandrian tradition and in Patristic Hermeneutics. He will speak to the conference on "Scripture and Spirituality in Ancient Christianity", exploring the possibility of retrieving Patristic values in this regard as a response to contemporary challenges.

Professor Philip Esler

Professor Esler is Professor of Biblical Criticism at the University of St. Andrew's, Scotland. He has published widely in New Testament studies with especial emphasis on social-scientific approaches to this field (*Community and Gospel in Luke-Acts: The Social Motivations of Lucan Theology* (1987); *The First Christians in their Social Worlds: Social-Scientific Approaches to New Testament Interpretation* (1994)). He will speak to the conference on "The Character of Early Christianity in Rome", exploring Christian origins and development as well as Christian identity and experience in an early context. He will also address the inter-faith seminar.

Rabbi Dr. Elliot Ginsburg

Rabbi Ginsburg is a distinguished scholar of Jewish mysticism and an expert in medieval Kabbalistic work - an area of vital concern to both Jews and Christians. His publications include *The Sabbath in the Classical Kabbalah* (1989) and *Sod ha-Shabbat: The Mystery of the Sabbath* (1989). He will address the conference on "Modalities of Prayer in Jewish Mysticism", and will also speak to the inter-faith seminar.

Professor Dr. Gabriele Winkler

Professor Winkler currently holds the Chair of Liturgiology at the University of Tübingen, Germany. An acknowledged world authority on liturgy in both early and modern Christian contexts, her current projects include planning a critical edition, translation and investigation of all the Armenian anaphoras on the basis of the manuscript tradition and comparative liturgy. She will speak to the conference on "The Sanctus", presenting an overview of her research findings into the Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament, including the Ethiopian evidence of the Falasha-literature.

Professor Ahmad Shboul, OAM

Professor Shboul is currently Associate Professor in Arab, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Sydney, Australia. He has travelled and taught internationally in both the Western and Arab worlds, holding the Christie Prize from the University of London for his work in Islamic Studies. A Member of the Order of Australia, he has published widely in his field, including *al-Mas 'udi and His World: a Muslim Humanist and His Interest in non-Muslims*; *History of Arabic Islamic Civilization*; as well as contributing specialised articles to the *Oxford Dictionary of Byzantium* and the *Oxford Encyclopaedia of the Modern Islamic World*. He has several publications on aspects of the contemporary Arabic and Islamic world, and his current work focuses on socio-cultural change and continuity in Early Islamic Damascus and Syria. He will address the conference on *A Historian's Perspective on Islamic Prayer and Liturgy and on Early Islamic Connections with Eastern Christian Spirituality*, examining the early Islamic Period (610-800CE) and its contacts with Eastern Christianity, and tracing the development of Muslim spiritual traditions in the context of a shared "Christian - Islamic environment". He will also address the inter-faith seminar.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers are invited within the scope of the overall theme of "Liturgy and Life", inclusive of areas such as art, liturgy and devotional practices; asceticism; the bible; dogmatics; dreams, visions and philosophy; exegesis and homiletics; methods of prayer; monasticism; moral life; mysticism, and popular religiosity. Papers germane to the theme of inter-faith relationship, especially as that concerns interaction at the level of daily life and religious practice, will also be welcome to the conference.

The language of the conference will be English, but papers may be delivered in any major language. Conditional upon their acceptance by a board of internationally selected referees, papers will be published after the conference.

Firm title and abstract for proposed papers should be received no later than Friday, 5th April, 2002. They should be submitted to the conference organisers, and an initial indication of topic may be submitted with the reply form printable or transferrable from this website. See below for instructions on transferring reply form details.

CONFERENCE DETAILS

Location and Dates

The conference will be held at Australian Catholic University, St. Patrick's Campus, 115 Victoria Parade, Melbourne, Australia. It will commence on the afternoon of the 10th July, 2002, and continue through until the evening of 13th July, 2002.



Accommodation

Accommodation will be available at Ormond College, College Crescent, Parkville. Costs are set out below. For those in difficult circumstances, conference organisers will be happy to explore alternative accommodation.

Fees and Registration

Full Registration

Includes entry to all conference sessions, seminars, and related activities (including concerts and other events); lunch, morning and afternoon tea each day of conference.

Full Rate: AUD \$480

Concession (students, unwaged or monastics)*: AUD \$400

Early Bird Registration

Equivalent of Full Registration for those responding before 1 May, 2002.

Full Rate only: AUD \$450

Conference Dinner (additional to conference registration): AUD \$55 per head

Accommodation

Single room and breakfast at Ormond College for the period of the stay: AUD \$50 per night

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Travel

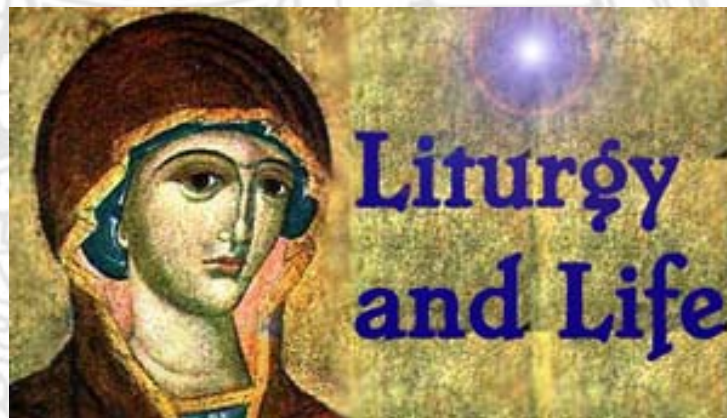


Qantas has been appointed official airline for this conference. A special fare of up to 45% off the economy fare, subject to availability in group class, has been negotiated for domestic travellers within Australia to the conference. Please contact Qantas Association Sales on the Toll Free Number 1800 684 880. Quote our Association Profile number of 2990291, the name and date of the conference, and your destination. International travellers should be aware that Qantas has offices in all parts of the world and will offer international delegates the best fares available at the time.

Other Conference Events

The conference will also host a variety of liturgical and cultural activities, including sacred concerts and liturgical celebrations, and a specialist trade exhibition by publishers and other companies working in the fields of spirituality and Early Christian thought. There will also be a Conference Dinner on the final evening of the conference, which participants may choose to attend. Payment for the Dinner may be made as part of a basic conference registration.

REGISTRATION FORM



10th - 13th July 2002

To use this **REPLY FORM**, either block-copy text and paste into an email which may be sent to the email address given below; or block-copy text and paste into a MS Word document, which can then be sent by post to the address given below. Please ensure that credit card and other details are filled in correctly, to ensure ease and speed of processing.

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Registration forms with payment
must arrive by 31 May 2002.

Receipts for tax deduction will be
available on registration.

Tel: + 61 3 9953 3141

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FEES

Full Registration: Full Rate: AUD \$480; Concession:* AUD \$400

Early Bird Registration (before 1 May, 2002): Full Rate only applies: AUD \$450

Days: 11th_____ 12th_____ 13th_____

* Proof of concessional status must be provided

ACCOMMODATION

At **Ormond College**, College Crescent, Parkville

Room with breakfast: AUD \$50 per night

Nights: 10th _____ 11th _____ 12th _____ 13th _____

Additional Nights: (please write dates)

Room with breakfast and dinner: AUD \$60 per night

Nights: 10th _____ 11th _____ 12th _____ 13th _____

Additional Nights: (please write dates)

***If not attending Conference Dinner please make other arrangements for dinner.**

CONFERENCE DINNER

Per Person: AUD \$55

Please specify any special or dietary requirements:

TOTAL PAYABLE AUD \$ _____

To: Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church

I enclose a cheque/bank draft for AUD \$ _____ or

Please debit my Bankcard/Mastercard/Visacard to the amount of: AUD \$ _____

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CALL FOR PAPERS

I do/do not wish to present a paper

Provisional title of paper:

INVITATION

Formal invitations can be extended for those requiring these for visa or similar purposes. These are not an offer of financial support from the organisers.

I do/do not require a formal invitation to be extended to me

Refund policy is as follows:

30+ days to conference: 75 % Refund
14+ days to conference: 50% Refund
14 Days or Less to conference: No Refund



OTHER INFORMATION

The City of Melbourne



Melbourne is one of Australia's oldest cities, and lays claim to a diversity and accessibility of attractions unrivalled among its counterparts. Its colourful cultural life is continually expressed in a vivacious atmosphere, which includes an all-year round parade of festivals, music, theatre and sport. It is the regular host of international visitors, with its yearly sporting calendar including the Grand Prix and the Australian Open Tennis Championship. Art and culture thrive amidst the flurry of international artists and performers who grace the city annually, and attractions of all kinds both local and international are available for the visitor at every turn.

Good food and dining are a quintessential part of Melbourne's identity. A delightful array of ethnic culinary traditions create one of the richest and most varied ranges of dining experiences available anywhere in the world, and visitors can expect to eat cheaply and from the range of over 70 cuisines and 3,000 restaurants present in the city. World-renowned Victorian wines are on hand to please even the most discerning palate. Street-performers and sidewalk-artists create a convivial atmosphere where all these can be delightfully savoured, and with Melbourne's year-round calendar of events

this city rightly earns the position of 'cultural capital' of Australia.

The city is complemented by the attractions just beyond. Tall timber mountains, fern gullies, spectacular coastline, endless beaches, snowfields, mighty waterways, and wide countryside all lie within reach of the city and are easily accessible on public transport and by car. One of the most privileged of all cities for its proximity to such a diversity of experiences, the visitor can easily enjoy any of the attractions that lie just beyond the city's limits.

Climate and clothing

Melbourne's climate is hospitable even in winter months. Warm clothing and umbrellas are requisite from June through to September, but this provides no obstacle to enjoyment of the wide range of activities that lie on

Melbourne's cultural and sporting doorstep. Temperatures usually range during July from 13-15 degrees celsius, and most shops and hotels are centrally heated during winter. Generally, Australians are casual dressers and this style of clothing would be acceptable for the conference sessions. However, you may wish to dress a little more formally for the Conference Dinner.

Churches and places of worship



Melbourne's multi-cultural identity makes it among the most richly populated in religious diversity. Churches, synagogues and mosques grace the architectural landscape, dating from the earliest times of European settlement right up to the present day. Most major religious groups are represented in strong proportion in the city, and all are made welcome.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Joint Theological Library

The Joint Theological Library is located at Ormond College, Parkville, where accommodation for the conference is being provided. It houses the collections owned by the Jesuit Theological College and the Theological Hall of the Uniting Church, Synod of Victoria. The book and periodical holdings number some 140,000 volumes, and it is perhaps the best library of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. A study room is reserved for graduates and visiting scholars, and visitors to the conference are invited to make use of this invaluable theological and scholarly resource on the doorstep of the conference.

The "Most Liveable City"

Some years ago Melbourne was voted among the most liveable cities in the world. We would genuinely encourage visitors to the conference to spend time relaxing and enjoying all that Melbourne has to offer, from its wide range of expansive parks and gardens to a cultural and sporting life that will cater to all tastes. Conference organisers will be happy to help guests at the conference derive the very best from their time in this most unique city.

MONEY-MATTERS

Australia uses decimal currency, where one hundred cents equals one Australian dollar. There is a combination of notes and coins. Coin denominations are 5, 10, 20, and 50 cents (c), one and two dollars (\$). Note denominations are 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 dollars.

Banks are open in Melbourne from 9:30am-4:00pm Monday to Thursday and from 9:30am to 5:00pm Friday. They are closed all day Saturday, but Automatic Teller Machine's (ATM's) are located numerously throughout the city and operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. ATM's do not offer a currency exchange facility, but these are located throughout the city. Exchange rates are updated daily and displayed at all outlets.

Major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere. The most commonly accepted credit cards are Visa, Bankcard, Mastercard, American Express, and Diners Club. For Japanese visitors JCB cards are accepted at selected outlets.

General office hours in Australia are from 9:00am-5:00pm. Shopping hours are Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-5:30pm, and Thursday and Friday 9:00am-5:00pm. Some stores are open on Sundays.

Time Zones

Melbourne operates on Eastern Standard Time (EST), which is calculated by adding 10 hours to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Daylight savings does not operate in Australia during July.

Passport and Visa Requirements

All international visitors require a valid passport and most visitors require a visa for entry into Australia. Visas are issued free of charge from Australian Embassies and Consulates around the world. 'Fast-tracking' though customs is also available on arrival. Check with your airline.

Health Requirements and Facilities

Vaccinations are not required unless you have come from a yellow fever-infected country zone within six days prior to your arrival. Otherwise no health certificate is needed to enter Australia. Melbourne's tap water is amongst the cleanest and safest to drink in the world.

Medical facilities in Australia are of the highest world standard. Doctors and dentists are highly trained and hospitals well-equipped for any emergency. In event of any illness, conference organisers can arrange a doctor for you. Visitors can also contact their Embassy, High Commission or Consulate for a list of approved practitioners.



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