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"THE JOINT INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THEOLOGICAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE ORTHODOX CHURCH"

(sponsors: Orthodox Church [www.patriarchate.org/dialogues] / Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity formerly Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity [www.christianunity.va])

December 7, 1965: Rome, Italy

"Abrogation of Excommunications of 1054"

- COMMON DECLARATION
- PAPAL BRIEF
- PATRIARCHAL TOME

PREPARATORY STAGE

(CATHOLIC PREPARATORY COMMISSION)

- a. October 11-15, 1976 - Rome, Italy
- b. May 8, 1978 - Rome, Italy

CHAIRMAN: Rev. Pierre Duprey, M. Afr, SPCU
SECRETARY: Msgr. Eleuterio F. Fortino, SPCU

(ORTHODOX PREPARATORY COMMISSION)

- a. June 20-25, 1977 - Chambésy, Switzerland
- b. November 14-18, 1977 - Chambésy, Switzerland

CHAIRMAN: Bishop Parthenios of Carthage
SECRETARY: Archbishop Cyril of Vyborg

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

March 29 - April 1, 1978 - Rome, Italy

"Method of Dialogue and Planning"

CO-CHAIRMEN: Bishop Parthenios of Carthage (O)
Bishop Ramon Torrella (RC)
CO-SECRETARIES: Archimandrite Spyridon Papageorgiou (O)
Msgr. Eleuterio F. Fortino (RC)

MEETINGS:

- 1. May 29 - June 4, 1980 - Patmos/Rhodes
"Adoption of Plan for Dialogue and Organization" - PLAN

SUB-COMMISSIONS:

"Work on the Mystery of the Church and of the Eucharist in the Light of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity"
a) October 5-9, 1980 - Chevetogne, Belgium
b) December 27-30, 1980 - Rome, Italy

c) April 29- May 1, 1981 - Belgrade

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

May 25-30, 1981 - Venice, Italy

“Review Work of 3 Sub-commissions”

2. June 30- July 6, 1982 - Munich, Germany

“Mystery of the Church and the Eucharist in the Light of the Trinity” - JOINT DOCUMENT

SUB-COMMISSIONS:

“Work on Faith, Sacraments and the Unity of the Church”

a) October 15-20, 1982 - Vienna, Austria

b) October 25-29, 1982 - Vra , Jugoslavia

c) December 27-30, 1982 - Chambésy, Switzerland

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

June 12-17, 1983 - Nicosia, Cyprus

“Review of the Work of the 3 Sub-commissions”

3. May 30 - June 8, 1984 - Khania, Crete

“Faith, Sacraments and the Unity of the Church; The Sacrament of Order in the Sacramental Structure of the Church with Particular Reference to the Importance of Apostolic Succession for the Sanctification and Unity of the People of God”

SUB-COMMISSIONS:

“Work on The Sacrament of Order in the Sacramental Structure of the Church with Particular Reference to the Importance of Apostolic Succession for the Sanctification and Unity of the People of God”

a) December 17-19, 1984 - Opole, Poland

b) December 27-31, 1984 - Rome, Italy

c) February 20-28, 1985 - Bari, Italy

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

June 3-8, 1985 - Opole, Poland

“Continuation of the Study on the Sacrament of Order and Apostolic Succession; Revision of Faith, Sacraments and the Unity of the Church”

4. May 29 - June 7, 1986 - Bari, Italy (first phase)

“Faith, Sacraments and the Unity of the Church”

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

September 22-23, 1986 - Rome, Italy

“Revision of Faith, Sacraments and the Unity of the Church”

June 9-16, 1987 - Bari, Italy (second phase)

“Faith, Sacraments and the Unity of the Church” - JOINT DOCUMENT

“Continuation of Work on the Sacrament of Order and Apostolic Succession; Issues of Proselytism and Oriental Churches in Communion with Rome is Discussed”

5. June 19-27, 1988 - New Valamo, Finland

“The Sacrament of Order in the Sacramental Structure of the Church with Particular Reference to the Importance of Apostolic Succession for the Sanctification and Unity of the People of God” - JOINT DOCUMENT

SUB-COMMISSIONS:

“Ecclesiological and canonical consequences of the sacramental nature of the Church; conciliarity and authority in the Church

a) December 27-31, 1988 - Rome

- b) March 30 - April 2, 1989 - Munich
- c) October 2-14, 1989 - Istanbul

SUB-COMMISSION:

“Work on the Study of Questions concerning the Churches of Byzantine Rite United with Rome and the Problems of Uniatism and Proselytism”

- a) January 26-31, 1990 - Vienna, Austria

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

February 1-8, 1990 Moscow, Russia

“Preparation for the Plenary” - COMMUNIQUÉ

- 6. June 6-15, 1990 - Freising, Germany
- “Uniatism” - COMMUNIQUÉ

SUB-COMMISSIONS:

“Work on Uniatism, Method of Union of the Past, and the Present Search for Full Communion”

- a) December 26-29, 1990 - Rome, Italy
- b) March 2-9, 1991 - Rome, Italy
- c) April , 1991 - Vienna, Austria

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

June 10-15, 1991 Ariccia, Italy

“Preparation for the Plenary; Uniatism, Method of Union of the Past, and the Present Search for Full Communion” - COMMUNIQUÉ

[June 17-26, 1992 - Balamand, Lebanon – postponed]

- 7. June 17-24, 1993 - Balamand, Lebanon
- “Uniatism: Method of the Past; Dialogue as Today’s Means of Seeking Unity;” REPORT: “Uniatism, Method of Union of the Past, and the Present Search for Full Communion” (1993) - THE BALAMAND STATEMENT

JOINT SUB-COMMISSIONS:

“Ecclesiological and Canonical Implications of Uniatism”

June 15-19, 1996 - Rome, Italy – postponed

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

June 12-19, 1997 - Ariccia, Italy – postponed

JOINT SUB-COMMISSIONS:

“Ecclesiological and Canonical Implications of Uniatism”

April 7-12, 1997 - Rome, Italy

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

June 15-20, 1998 - Ariccia, Italy

“Ecclesiological and Canonical Implications of Uniatism; Preparation for Plenary”

June 7-15, 1999 - Emmitsburg, Maryland, USA – postponed

- 8. July 9-19, 2000 - Emmitsburg, Maryland, USA

“Ecclesiological and Canonical Implications of Uniatism” – COMMUNIQUÉ

PANORTHODOX MEETING OF DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES

September 11-13, 2005 - Istanbul, Turkey

Discussion on the continuation of the dialogue; need to continue the theological dialogue in obedience to the command of the Lord to promote the unity of the church and in the context of ecclesiology and with particular reference to the problem of primacy in the church; election of Metropolitan of Pergamon, Ioannis Zizioulas

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

December 13-15, 2005 - Rome, Italy

Choice of theme taken up from Moscow 1990 planning session, ie, the theme of “The ecclesiological and canonical consequences of the sacramental nature of the Church: conciliarity and authority in the Church”; deepening a theology of communion to enable a profound discussion on two central issues in the context of relations between the two churches namely, the primacy of the Bishop of Rome and the question of ‘uniatism’ - POPE BENEDICT’S ADDRESS TO THE JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

9. September 18-25, 2006 - Belgrade, Serbia

“The Ecclesiological and Canonical Consequences of the Sacramental Nature of the Church; Conciliarity and Authority in the Church at Three Levels of Ecclesial Life: Local, Regional and Universal” – COMMUNIQUÉ

10. October 8-14, 2007 - Ravenna, Italy

“The Ecclesiological and Canonical Consequences of the Sacramental Nature of the Church; Conciliarity and Synodality in the Church” – COMMUNIQUÉ and JOINT REPORT

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

September 27-October 4, 2008 - Elounda, Greece

COMMUNIQUÉ

11. September 16-23, 2009 - Paphos, Cyprus

Draft: “The Role of the Bishop of Rome in the Communion of the Church in the First Millennium” – COMMUNIQUÉ

12. September 20-27, 2010 - Vienna, Austria

Continued discussions on “The Role of the Bishop of Rome in the Communion of the Church in the First Millennium” – COMMUNIQUÉ

JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE:

June 13-17 June, 2011 - Rethymno, Crete, Greece

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

November 21-26, 2011 - Rome, Italy

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

November 19-23, 2012 - Paris, France

13. September 15-23, 2014 - Amman, Jordan

Synodality and Primacy – COMMUNIQUÉ

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

September 15-18, 2015 - Rome, Italy

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

September 14-19, 2016 - Rome, Italy

14. September 16-21, 2016 - Chieti, Italia

The discussion focused on the significance and interrelatedness of synodality and primacy in the history of the Church in the first millennium in the varied and changing situations in East and West; Synodality and Primacy During the First Millennium: Towards a Common Understanding in Service to the Unity of the Church - COMMUNIQUÉ and JOINT STATEMENT

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

September 5-9, 2017 - Leros, Greece

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

November 13-17, 2018 - Bose, Italy

The Committee examined a draft of the text entitled, "Primacy and Synodality in the Second Millennium and Today", prepared by a mixed sub-commission. The Coordinating Committee will evaluate a revised version of the draft at its next meeting, planned for November 2019

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

November 11-15, 2019 - Bose, Italy

The Committee examined a revised draft of the text entitled, "Primacy and Synodality in the Second Millennium and Today", prepared by a mixed sub-commission. The Coordinating Committee plans its next meeting for 2020

JOINT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

May 16-20, 2022 - Rethymno, Crete, Greece

The Committee completed the revision of the draft text entitled, "Primacy and Synodality in the Second Millennium and Today" to be presented to a Plenary Session of the Joint International Commission, expected to take place in 2023 - COMMUNIQUÉ

15. June 1-7, 2023 - Alexandria, Egypt

The discussion focused on synodality and primacy in East and West over the course of the second millennium, giving as far as possible a common reading of that history; in its Conclusion, the document adopted by the Commission stated that 'the interdependence of synodality and primacy is a fundamental principle in the life of the Church' and that this principle 'should be invoked to meet the needs and requirements of the Church in our time'; the Commission took into consideration that some misunderstanding was evident in the reception of the line 'Appeals regarding disciplinary matters were also made to the see of Constantinople, and to other sees' in the Chieti Document (2016), paragraph 19. The Commission resolved that the aforementioned line should be read in light of Canon 9 of the Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon 451): 'if a bishop or clergyman should have a disagreement with the metropolitan of the province, let him have recourse to the Exarch of the Diocese, or to the throne of the Imperial City of Constantinople, and there let it be tried' - COMMUNIQUÉ and JOINT STATEMENT

CO-CHAIRMEN:

Card. Jan Willebrands

President of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, Vatican (1980, 1982, 1984, 1986/87, 1988) (RC)

Card. Edward Cassidy

President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Vatican (1990, 1993, 2000) (RC)

Card. Walter Kasper

President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Vatican (2006-2009) (RC)

Card. Kurt Koch

President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Vatican (2010-) (RC)

Archbishop Stylianos, Australia (1980, 1982, 1984, 1986/87, 1988, 1990, 1993, 2000) (O)

Metropolitan Ioannis of Pergamon (2006-2016) (O)

Archbishop Job of Telmessos (2016-) (O)

CO-SECRETARIES:

Bishop Pierre Duprey, M.Afr., Vatican (1980, 1982, 1984) (RC)

Msgr. Eleuterio F. Fortino, Vatican (1986/87, 1988, 1990, 1993, 2000, 2006, 2007, 2009) (RC)

Rev. Andrea Palmeri, Vatican (2010-) (RC)

Prof. Stoyan Goschevitch, Belgrade (1980, 1982, 1984, 1986/87) (O)

Bishop Spyridon, Apamea, Finland (1988, 1990, 1993) (O)

