

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### Conference Venue

The Symposium will be held in Schloss Trumau, the main building of the ITI in Trumau, located 25 km south of Vienna, Austria.

### Registration Fee

Standard: €50 • Students: €25 • ITI Students: Free  
(Lunches and Coffee Breaks included)

### Registration

Please register by 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 via:  
<http://tinyurl.com/ExploringtheSources2025>

### Bank Details

Katholische Hochschule ITI  
Schlossgasse 21, 2521 Trumau, Austria  
Bank: Raiffeisenbank Baden  
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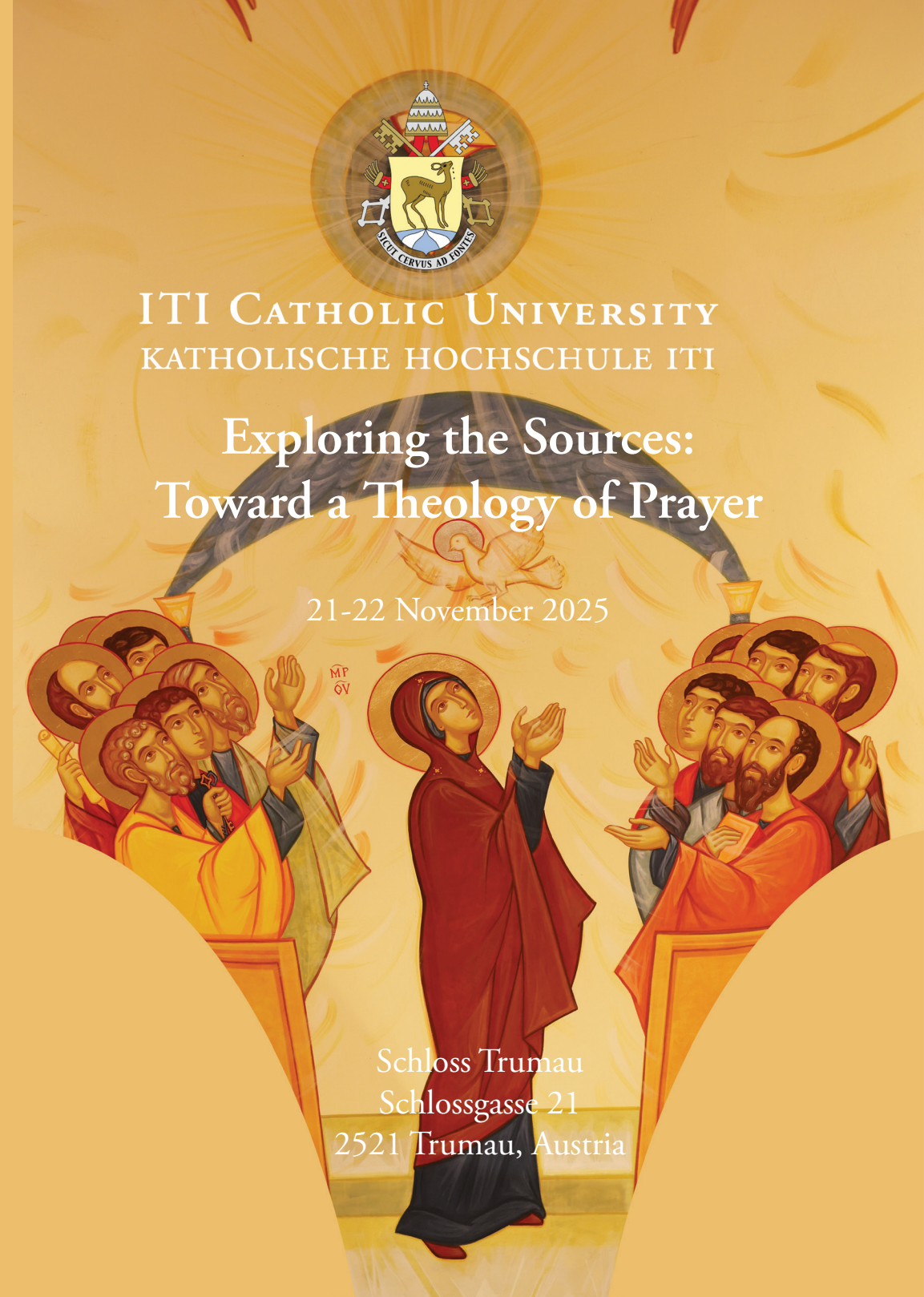
### Language

The entire conference will be held in English.  
No translation services will be provided.

### More Information on the ITI:

[www.iti.ac.at](http://www.iti.ac.at)

Image: Detail of the iconography of the Byzantine Chapel in Schloss Trumau



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## Exploring the Sources: Toward a Theology of Prayer

21-22 November 2025

Schloss Trumau  
Schlossgasse 21  
2521 Trumau, Austria

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Two-Day Conference at the ITI Catholic University  
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“Prayer can truly change your life, for it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and your heart towards the Lord.” (John Paul II, Apostolic Journey to the United States of America and Canada, Meeting with the Young People of New Orleans, 12 September 1987, n. 11) This two-day conference, Exploring the Sources: Toward a Theology of Prayer, will bring together theologians, philosophers, and Catholic scholars to reflect on the foundations, expressions, and enduring significance of Christian prayer. The conference is not only for academics: students, clergy, and all those interested in deepening their understanding of Christian prayer are warmly invited to attend. Drawing upon Scripture, liturgy, the arts, patristic and medieval thought, and systematic theology, participants will explore how the Church’s living tradition offers a rich and multifaceted understanding of prayer as the heart of Christian life.

### FRIDAY, 21 November

#### Session 1: Biblical Sources/Theology

09.00-9.15: Introduction

09.15-10.00: Fr. Johannes Cornides, “Sicut Cervus: Psalm 42-43 as a Paradigm for Prayer”

10.00-10.45: Dr. Vincent DeMeo, “Prayer in the New Testament: The Our Father as Eschatological Prayer of the New Covenant”

10.45-11.15: Break

11.15-12.00: Dr. Bernhard Dolna, “Prayer in the Writings of the Evangelist St. Luke”

12.15-13.00: Divine Liturgy

13.00-14.30: Lunch

#### Session 2: Liturgy and the Arts

14.30-15.15: Fr. Edmund Waldstein, “The Liturgical Movement and the Common Good”

15.15-16.00: Dr. Gundula Harand, “My Peace in Thy Will: The Praying Voice in T. S. Eliot’s Ash-Wednesday”

16.00-16.30: Break

16.30-17.15: Dr. Michaela Hastetter, “The Sound of Jesus Praying in the Garden in Passio of Arvo Pärt”

#### Session 3: Church Fathers and Medieval Theology

17.15-17.45: Dr. Timothy Kelly, “Christian Prayer in Light of St Augustine’s Doctrine of the ‘totus Christus’”

18.00: Speaker’s Dinner

### SATURDAY, 22 November

#### Session 3 (continued): Church Fathers and Medieval Theology

9.00-9.45: Fr. Ephräm Lomidze, “Isaac of Nineveh and the Persian Monastic Tradition of Prayer”

9.45-10.30: Fr. Jean-Yves Brachet, “Prayer in the Summa Theologiae: The Virtue of Religion”

10.30-11.00: Break

#### Session 4: Modern/Systematic Theology

11.00-11.45: Dr. Simon Maria Kopf, “Prayer, Petitions, and Predestination”

12.15-13.00: Divine Liturgy

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.15: Fr. Thomas Möllenbeck, “Gethsemani: Praying ‘Thy will be done’ as a test of Judaeo-Christian religion”

15.15-16.00: Dr. Andrei Gotia, “Writing Latin Hymns in the XXIst Century”

16.00-16.15: Concluding Remarks