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The Roman Catholic Church will this year was represented by Cardinal **Achille Silvestrini**, Emerit Prefect

of the Congregation for Oriental Churches; Monsignor **Antonio Mennini**, Apostolic Nunzio in Moscow; Monsignor **Brian Farrell**, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity; Fr **Milan Žust**, sj, of the same Council. Numerous bishops of the Piedmont Episcopal Assembly addressed the Conference, among them Monsignor **Arrigo Miglio**, Bishop of Ivrea, Monsignor **Gabriele Mana**, Bishop of Biella and Diocesan Ordinary, and Monsignor **Piergiorgio Debernardi**, Bishop of Pinerolo.

The Patriarchate of Constantinople was represented by Metropolitan **Kallistos of Diokleia** and Metropolitan **Emilianos of Silyvria**. The Patriarchate of Moscow was represented by Archbishop **Aristarch of Kemerovo**, head of the official delegation; Bishop **Ilarion of Vienna**, speaker; Fr. **Evfimij (Moiseev)** of St Sergius Holy Trinity Lavra; **Aleksej Dolgov** and **Michail Pervushin** of the External Relations Department; professors **Sergij Hovorun**, **Vladimir Kirillin** and Fr **Pavel Velikanov** of the Moscow Theological Academy.

The Orthodox Church of Greece was represented in the Conference by Archimandrite **Iakovos (Vizaourtis)**, igumen of Petraki Monastery. Important delegations from the Orthodox Patriarchates of Alexandria, Antioch (Metropolitan **Georges Khodr** of Mount Lybanus), Jerusalem (Metropolitan **Timotheos of Vostra**), Serbia (Fr **Gajo Gajic**, representative of the Holy Synod, and Fr **Vasilje Grolimund**), Bulgaria, Romania (with Metropolitan **Serafim of Germany** and Fr **Constantin Preda**), Ukraine (with Bishop **Antonij of Borispol'**, Rector of the Theological Academy and Vicar of Kiev, Fr **Mykola Makar**), Armenia (Fr **Lukas Zakaryan**), from the Russian Orthodox Exarchate of Byelorussia (Bishop **Serafim of Bobrujsk**), from the Church of England (Canon **Jonathan Goodhall** and Canon **Hugh Wybrew**) and the World Council of Churches in Geneva (Dr. **Teny Pirri-Simonian**).

Numerous monks and nuns came to Bose from **Monasteries in Mount Sinai, Greece, Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria, Lebanon, Great Britain, Italy, France, Belgium and Germany**. Scholars from **all over Europe, Russia and the United States**, came for the Conference, which has become a reference point of international ecumenism. Among the participants, the presence of Fr **André Louf**, Fr **Michel Van Parys**, Fr **Hervé Legrand**, Prof. **Spyridon Kontoyannis** of the University of Athens, and Prof. **Gelian M. Prochorov**, of the Russian Academy of Science, was particularly noteworthy.

The Conference was opened by [inaugural address by Enzo Bianchi](#), prior of Bose, who presented a biblical-spiritual exegesis of the Transfiguration in the Gospels.

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