

Special Issue

Light from the East: The Catholic Eastern Churches Sixty Years After Vatican II

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue seeks contributions that re-evaluate the relationship between the Roman Church and its Eastern Catholic sister churches. Submissions should address themes such as the implementation of OE in the post-conciliar period, how OE has translated into actual practice, especially through canon law, and the churches' responses to the Vatican II mandate to preserve and rejuvenate their spiritual heritage, including Eastern liturgies, spirituality, and iconography.

We invite scholarly contributions focusing on a specific Eastern Catholic Church to critically evaluate the impact of OE on its theology, history, and mission, focusing on various themes: 1) Conciliar Mandates and Rights Preservation; 2) Synodality in Eastern Catholic Churches; 3) Papal Titles and Responsibilities; 4) Development of Collegiality; 5) Ecumenical Mandates; 6) Impact of Current Conflicts: Have recent wars exacerbated tensions between Eastern Catholic Churches and the Orthodox Church?

We welcome interdisciplinary approaches, including theological, historical, religious, canonical, and pastoral perspectives on these topics.

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