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International Conference

The Spirit and the Sacraments

Engaging Pentecostal Theology

Paderborn (Germany) | 16th to 18th September 2026 | midday to midday

The experience of the Holy Spirit is a key impulse of the pentecostal movement. While the catholic tradition, with its particular focus on the sacraments, has theoretically always affirmed the Spirit as constitutive of the Church, it has struggled to integrate charismatic expressions into its ecclesiology—a tension that became apparent at the Second Vatican Council. Therefore, ecumenical

dialogue raises the question of how to convey the theological perspectives in this field. This conference aims to facilitate constructive and controversial dialogue on three key topics: “Experiences of the Holy Spirit”, “Spirit and Sacrament”, and “Pneumatological Ecclesiology”. Speakers from pentecostal, protestant and catholic theology will be involved.

Speakers *(confirmed)*

Daniela C. Augustine (Lee University, Cleveland, USA)

Cornelia Dockter (Theological Faculty of Paderborn, Germany)

Mary Healy (Sacred Heart Major Seminary Detroit, USA) [joining online]

Markus Iff (Theological College Ewersbach, Germany)

Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen (Fuller Theological Seminary Pasadena, USA)

Andreas Koritensky (Theological Faculty of Paderborn, Germany)

Dominique-Marcel Kosack (Möhler Institute for Ecumenism Paderborn, Germany)

Frank D. Macchia (Bangor University, Wales / Vanguard University Costa Mesa, USA)

Patti Mansfield (Catholic Charismatic Renewal New Orleans, USA) [joining online]

Burkhard Neumann (Möhler Institute for Ecumenism Paderborn, Germany)

Peter D. Neumann (Redeemer University Ancaster, Canada)

Miriam Raschka (Theological Faculty of Paderborn, Germany)

Ulrike Sallandt (University of Oldenburg, Germany)

Willibald Sandler (University of Innsbruck, Austria)

Christian Stoll (Theological Faculty and Möhler Institute Paderborn, Germany)

Marc-Dominic Strunk (Theological Seminary Erzhausen, Germany)

Juan F. Usma Gomez (Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, Rome, Italy/Vatican)

Wolfgang Vondey (University of Birmingham, England)

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