

PROGRAMME

Ecumenical Conference on the occasion of the first Centenary of John Cardinal Willebrands (1909-2009)

Utrecht, September 2 - September 5, 2009

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2

- 14.00-18.00 Registration (at the Conference venue, In de Driehoek)
- 17.00 Speakers meeting at the front door of the Conference venue (dinner)
- 19.00 Opening of the Conference

EVENING PROGRAMME (In de Driehoek)

- 19.00 Evening prayer in the Roman-Catholic tradition by the Schola of Warmond, diocese of Haarlem (Ste Gertrudis parish church)
- 19.30- 20.00 Welcome and Introduction lecture by **Prof. Dr. Adelbert Denaux**,
Dean of the Faculty of Catholic Theology, Tilburg University

Chair person: Prof. Dr. Adelbert Denaux

- 20.00-20.15 Audio-visual presentation on Cardinal Willebrands.
- 20.15-21.00 Short personal testimonies by
Fr Thomas Stransky csp
P. Emmanuel Lanne osb (read by Dr. M. van Parys osb)
Mgr Paul-Werner Scheele
- 21.00-22.00 Reception

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3

MORNING PROGRAMME

Willebrands' formation and early commitment to ecumenism

Chair person: Dr. Ton van Eijk

- 9.00-9.30 Morning prayer in the Old-Catholic tradition (mgr Joris A.O.L. Vercammen, Old-Catholic Archbishop of Utrecht, testimony by Em. Archbishop Antonius Glazemaker)
(Ste Gertrudis parish church)
- 10.00-10.30 Plenary lecture 1
*The formative years of Cardinal Willebrands.
Ecumenical developments in the Netherlands 1940-1960*
- Prof Dr. Anton Houtepen** (Professor emeritus Utrecht University, Centre IIMO)
- 10.30-11.00 Plenary lecture 2
The enduring influence of Newman on Willebrands' ecumenical views.
- Prof. Dr. Terrence Merrigan** (Theological Faculty, Catholic University Leuven)
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-12.00 Plenary lecture 3
Willebrands' contributions to the 'Catholic Conference on Ecumenical Questions' (1952-1963)
- Prof. Dr. Peter De Mey** (Theological Faculty, Catholic University Leuven)
- 12.00-12.45 Discussion with the three speakers
- 12.45-14.15/13.45 Lunch and break

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

Willebrands and Judaism

Chair person: Drs. Jaap de Meij

- 13.45-14.15 Plenary lecture 4
A Jewish assessment
- Dr. Judith Banki** (Director Special Programs
Tanenbaum Center for interreligious Understanding, New York)
- 14.15-14.45 Plenary lecture 5
A Roman-Catholic Assessment

Jo Willebrands as a theologian of the Jewish-Christian dialogue

Dr. Marcel Poorthuis (Faculty of Catholic Theology, Tilburg University)

14.45-15.15 Plenary lecture 6
Msgr. Willebrands and Nostra Aetate 4: diplomacy and pragmatism

Prof. Dr. Mathijs Lamberigts (Theological Faculty, Catholic University Leuven)

15.15-15.45 Discussion with the three speakers

15.45-16.15 Break: Afternoon tea and coffee

Publications

Chair person: Drs Maria ter Steeg

16.15-17.00 Presentation of the *Cahiers 1958-1961* (ed. T. Salemink) and of the *Council Diaries 1963-1965* (ed. L. Declerck) by **Dr. Theo A.M. Salemink** (Faculty of Catholic Theology, Tilburg University)

17.00-18.00 Reception offered by the publisher, Peeters/Louvain

17.45 Speakers and guests meeting at the frontdoor of In de Driehoek (dinner)

FREE EVENING

Excursion (optional) for participants :

18.00-21.30 Excursion with the Katholieke Raad voor Israel (Dutch RC council for the relations with Judaism). Information available at the registration desk. Please register in advance.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4 (100th anniversary of Cardinal Willebrands)

MORNING PROGRAMME

Willebrands and the development of the Catholic view on ecumenism during the Second Vatican Council.

Chair person: Dr. Henk Witte

- 8.30-9.00 Morning prayer in the Orthodox tradition (mgr Athenagoras)
(Ste Gertrudis parish church)
- 9.30-10.00 Plenary lecture 7
A historical approach
Willebrands at the Council
- Prof. Dr. Mauro Velati** (Istituto per le scienze religiose, Bologna)
- 10.00-10.30 Plenary lecture 8
A theological approach
Mit Leidenschaft für die Einheit.
Zugänge zur ökumenischen Theologie Johannes Willebrands
- Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Thönissen** (Johann-Adam-Möhler Institut, Paderborn)
- 10.30-11.00 Discussion with both speakers
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break

Willebrands and the Churches of the East

Chair person: Prof. Dr. B. Groen

- 11.30-12.00 Plenary lecture 9
An Orthodox Assessment of the Orthodox - Roman Catholic International Dialogue
- Metropolitan Ioannis Zizioulas of Pergamon** (Metropolitan of Pergamon, President of the Orthodox Delegation to the Orthodox-Roman Catholic International Dialogue Commission)
- 12.00-12.30 Plenary lecture 10
A Roman-Catholic Assessment
- Dr. Michel van Parys osb.** (Abbot emeritus Abbaye de Chevetogne, Belgium)
- 12.30-13.00 Discussion with both speakers
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch

FREE AFTERNOON

Please register in advance at the registration desk for:

- 14.00-15.00 Presentation and guided visit to the property and relics of the Old Catholic parish (venue: In de Driehoek)
- 14.00-17.00 Individual visit of the Museum Catharijneconvent
- 17.30 Speakers meeting at the front door of the Conference venue (dinner)

EVENING PROGRAMME

Willebrands and the Churches of the West

Chair person: Prof. Dr. Myriam Wijlens

- 19.30-20.00 Plenary lecture 11
A Protestant Assessment
- Dr. Günther Gassmann** (former Director of Faith and Order, WCC)
- 20.00-20.30 Plenary lecture 12
A Roman-Catholic Assessment
Willebrands, the Churches of the West and the World Council of Churches
- Mgr John Radano** (Seton Hall University, New Jersey)
- 20.30-21.30 Discussion with both speakers

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5

MORNING PROGRAMME

Chair person: Prof. Dr Adelbert Denaux

Dome Utrecht

- 10.00-11.00 *The Legacy of Cardinal Willebrands and the Future of Ecumenism*
- Walter Cardinal Kasper** (President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, Rome)

Cathedral of Utrecht

- 11.30-12.30 Ecumenical celebration at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Utrecht with **Walter Cardinal Kasper and Mgr Willem Eijk**, archbishop of Utrecht
- 13.00-14.30 Conference lunch at the Faculty Club, Academiegebouw, Domplein, Utrecht
Departures