

Oriente Lumen XXIX Speakers



Bishop John Michael Botean, Romanian Catholic Eparchy of Canton, OH, is an American prelate of the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. Since 1996 he has been eparch in the Romanian Catholic Eparchy of St. George, the second to hold that position in the United States' sole Romanian Byzantine Catholic eparchy and the only Romanian Rite eparchy outside of Romania. Botean was born on July 9, 1955, in Canton, Ohio, to a Romanian-American couple, John and Amelia Botean (née Popa). He has one younger brother, Mark S. Botean. He was ordained a priest on May 18, 1986. In 1993 he was appointed apostolic administrator for the diocese and then eparch on March 29, 1996. He was consecrated a bishop on August 24 that year by Archbishop Lucian Mureșan, assisted by co-consecrators Archbishop Judson Michael Procyk and Bishop Nicholas James Samra.



Bishop John Bauerschmidt, Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee, Nashville, TN, is an American prelate of the Episcopal Church who is the eleventh Bishop of Tennessee. After studies at the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, he was ordained to the diaconate on June 9, 1984, and to the priesthood on June 1, 1985. In 1987 Bauerschmidt matriculated at Oxford University, England, from which he received the D.Phil. degree in 1996. From 1987 until 1991 he and his family were resident in England; his doctoral work was supervised by the Rev. Canon Oliver O'Donovan, the Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology. His doctoral thesis was titled *Sexual Difference and the Relationship of the Sexes in the Theology of St. Augustine*.

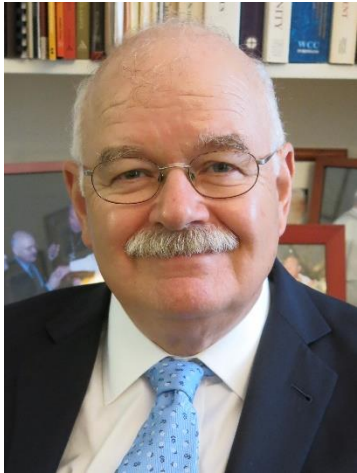


Fr. John Behr, Professor of Humanity, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, is a British Eastern Orthodox priest and theologian. Since 2020, he has served as the Regius Professor of Humanity at the University of Aberdeen. He is the former dean of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, where he was the Father Georges Florovsky Distinguished Professor of Patristics. He was ordained to the diaconate on 8 September 2001 and the priesthood on 14 September 2001. Behr completed his undergraduate studies at Thames Polytechnic, London, in 1987. His Bachelor of Arts dissertation was entitled "Of God, Man, and Creation: A Comparative Study of the Anthropology of the Greek Fathers and Emmanuel Levinas". Having studied under Bishop Kallistos Ware, Behr earned his Master of Philosophy degree in 1991 and Doctor of Philosophy degree in theology from Oxford University in 1995. His thesis, a complete textual criticism of *On the Apostolic Preaching* by Irenaeus of Lyons, was subsequently published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press.



Fr. Hyacinthe Destivelle, OP, Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, The Vatican, is a Dominican priest from the Province of Toulouse (France). He holds a doctorate in Theology (Institut Catholique de Paris and Institut de Théologie Orthodoxe Saint-Serge), a doctorate in Slavic studies (Université de Paris-Sorbonne), and a PhD in Philosophy (Saint Petersburg State University). Director of the Centre for ecumenical studies and of the journal *Istina* in Paris (2005-2010), he was pastor at Saint Catherine's parish in Saint Petersburg (2010-2013). Since 2013, he has been an official of the

Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity (Vatican), in charge of relations with the Slavic Orthodox Churches (2013-2018), then with the Oriental Orthodox Churches (since 2018). Since 2019, he has also been director of the Institute for Ecumenical Studies of the Angelicum. He is the author of numerous publications on ecumenism, ecclesiology and Catholic-Orthodox dialogue.



Dr. John Borelli, Moderator, Special Assistant to the President, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, received a doctorate in history of religions and theology in 1976 from Fordham University. He is currently Special Assistant for Catholic Identity and Dialogue to President John J. DeGioia of Georgetown University, a position he had held since February 2004. In addition, he has served as Coordinator for Interreligious Dialogue and Relations for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States since 2004. Prior to these appointments, Dr. Borelli served sixteen years (1987 to 2003) as Associate Director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Staffing the Bishops' Subcommittee on Interreligious Dialogue, he

managed three ongoing dialogues with Muslims, one with Buddhists, one with Hindus, and other interreligious projects.