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16TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF ETHNIC RELIGIONS



Someone asks: "Where did you see the Gods? Where could you have news of their existence? And yet you turn to them your prayer full of veneration! "

First, even by sight they are perceptible; secondly, to tell the truth, I have not even seen my soul and yet I hold it in great honor.

In conclusion, the same thing happens for the Gods; there are facts of which I have certain experience and which provide witness on their power; by means of these facts I infer their existence and therefore I worship the Gods "

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus Emperor, "To himself", 12/28



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PALATINO - FORI IMPERIALI**

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CONGRESS PROGRAM

Pagan Rituals and their Sources

THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL

- 8:30 A.M.
PALAZZO FERRAJOLI
Registration of the Participants
- 10:00 A.M.
PALAZZO FERRAJOLI
Opening ceremony of the 16th Congress.
Welcome by the president of MTR Daniele Liotta and by the deputy Guglielmo Giovanelli Marconi.
Welcome by the president of ECER Andras Corban -Arthen.
- 11.00 A.M.
PALAZZO FERRAJOLI
Presentation of the Delegations and beginning of the Congress.
Moderator: the journalist Paolo Casolari (MTR).
- 11.30 A.M.
PALAZZO FERRAJOLI
Presentations of rituals and sources by Delegations.
- 2.30 P.M.
PALAZZO FERRAJOLI
"The Roman Rite of the Foundation" by the archaeologist Sandra Mazza (MTR).
Then, presentations of rituals and sources by Delegations.
- 6.00 P.M.
Visit to the Pantheon. Then, Welcome Dinner

FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL

- 9.00 A.M.
PALAZZO FERRAJOLI
Presentations of rituals and sources by Delegations.
- 2.30 P.M.
PALAZZO FERRAJOLI
"Rome and the magical power of the Rite" by the essayist and philosopher Giandomenico Casalino
Then, presentations of rituals and sources by Delegations.
- 9.00 P.M.
VIA DEI FORI IMPERIALI
Visit to the Forum of Augustus in augmented reality

SATURDAY, 21ST APRIL

- 9.00 A.M.
VIA DI S. GREGORIO, 30
Guided tour to Palatine Hill and to Imperial Fora with the archaeologist Marina Simeone (MTR)
- 2.00 P.M.
Visit to Coliseum, *id.*

SUNDAY, 22ND APRIL

- 10.00 A.M.
VIA BEZZECA 1/D
Congress conclusion and organizational decisions.
Then, cultural appointment.

THE ECER

ECER, the *European Congress of Ethnic Religions*, is an international organization, based in Vilnius - Lithuania, whose purpose is to associate, promote and defend against discrimination groups that cultivate ethnic religions in Europe.

By ethnic religion we mean a religion, a spirituality, a cosmology historically rooted in the traditions of a particular people.

All forms of occultism, the syncretic neo-confessions and the expressions of modern religious ideologies are excluded.

MOVIMENTO TRADIZIONALE ROMANO

WHO WE ARE: The MTR - Movimento Tradizionale Romano (Traditional Roman Movement) is the longest and most esteemed Italian organization that today cultivates ancient Roman religiosity. Founded in 1988 as the Movimento Tradizionalista, it took its current name in 1998. The Movement, based in Rome in Via Bezzeca 1/d, boasts members throughout Italy and promotes research, correct practice and rediscovery of the Roman Path to the Gods with public and private initiatives; see www.saturniatellus.com.

WHAT WE DO: The members of the Movement practice Roman religiosity exclusively in the private sphere. Today the ancient public state cult linked to the *Res Publica* is impractical. The foundation of the Roman cult is the *Pax Deorum Hominunque*, the pact between God and juridically established men: in

the private sphere it is the unwritten covenant between the practitioner and his divinities, sanctioned and maintained through worship.

ROMAN WORSHIP: The cult follows the Julian Calendar and has its own sacred model of formulas, hymns, actions: the Gods are honored with offers of perfumes, vegetables, wine and food (no bloody sacrifices). Everyone is a priest of himself and venerates his own Genius or Iuno, the family Lares, the Penates and the deities he considers protectric of himself, the family and the community, and the deities to whom the feasts of the Calendar are consecrated. The most important ritual occasions are celebrated communally: Birth, Puberty, Marriage, Death, Calends, Ides, None, Beginning of the Sacred Year, Ides of March, Founding of Rome, Capitoline Triad, Saturnalia, etc.