



Dear parishioners of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia in the Western European and German Dioceses,

With the blessing of His Eminence Mark, His Eminence Irenei, and His Eminence Hiob, it has been decided to hold a pan-European conference of Orthodox youth of our Church in the autumn of 2026. The important goals of this conference are to strengthen ties among the youth of the two European ROCOR dioceses and beyond, to reinforce their role in the life of the church, and to collaborate in the development of new youth projects. Such a conference is a unique opportunity for young people to unite in common prayer and spiritual work and is the first of its kind here in Europe.

A small hotel in a Catholic monastery in the countryside near Florence was chosen as the venue. During the five days of the conference, participants will be able to:

- Learn a lot from spiritual conversations
- Gain useful skills and friends during master classes and group projects
- Ask clergy members questions that are important to them
- Enjoy the Italian countryside and visit landmarks of Christian culture
- Participate in services at the beautiful Church of the Nativity of Christ and St. Nicholas the Wonderworker in Florence

The event is being organised by a committee consisting of representatives from various youth groups from both dioceses. Most of the committee members already have successful experience in organising All-Abroad and/or diocesan conventions.

Our committee intends to develop a programme for the congress that is as spiritually enriching and fulfilling as possible. At the same time, we want to make it accessible to all representatives of our youth. It is important to us that everyone who aspires to live a truly orthodox life can participate. After all, our youth and our young families are the future of our church. Any financial support for the project from you, as benefactors, would help us to hold the congress in its entirety as planned. You will find a financial plan (as well as a schedule draft) attached to this letter. If you are interested or would like answers to any additional questions about the congress, please contact us via our official e-mail address: conference@roj-deutschland.de

Yours in Christ,

Members of the Committee:

Nikolai Kuprianov, London

Andrej Limberger, Stuttgart

and others



Draft of the schedule:

September 3rd: Transfer to the hotel, check-in, first get-together

September 4th: Conference opening, small service (moleben), lectures & workshops, free time

September 5th: Lectures & workshops, possibly hiking trip, vigil at the hotel

September 6th: Transfer to Florence, Liturgy, meet-and-greet with the parish, guided tours

September 7th: Final workshop, presentations by the groups, final evening

September 8th: Check-out, transfer to the airport

Financial plan:

Without any funding, the average price per participant would be 780 €. With the funding stated here, we can bring down this price to 350 € p.p., if we collect more, we can bring it down to 300 € or even 200 €.

<u>Estimated expenses</u>		<u>Estimated income</u>	
Hotel and meals	50.850€	Participation fees	27.000€
Transportation	7.800€	Funding by ROCOR dioceses (6.500 € per diocese)	13.000€
Materials and merchandise	6.500€	Funding by German orthodox youth organization	6.500€
Fees and road expenses	4.350€		
Emergency fund	5.000€		
Sum	74.500€	Sum	46.500€
<i>Missing funds</i>		<i>28.000€</i>	

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