

14.20-14.40 – **Stipe Kljaić, PhD (Croatian Institute of History)** Apostolic nuncio John P. Hurley and the split between the Soviet Union and communist Yugoslavia

14.40-15.00 – **Mario Jareb, PhD (Croatian Institute of History)** The Persecution and Staged Trial of Zagreb Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac in the Reports of US diplomats in Zagreb and Belgrade

15.00-15.30 – discussion

**Round table: Situation of Churches and religious associations behind the „Iron Curtain” in 1945-1956. Conference summary:**

15.50-17.20

**Réka Földváryné Kiss, PhD**

(Chairperson of the Committee of National Remembrance, Hungary)

**Rafał Łatka** associate profesor

(Historical Research Office of the Institute of National Remembrance; University of Cardinal Stephan Wyszyński;)

**Dr phil. Beáta Katrebová Blehová**

(Nation's Memory Institute in Bratislava)

**Chair: Peter Jasek PhD**

## September 6

10.00-10.20 – Introduction:

**Karol Nawrocki, PhD** (President of Institute of National Remembrance, Poland),

**Réka Földváryné Kiss, PhD** (Chairperson of the Committee of National Remembrance, Hungary),

**Mgr. Jerguš Sivoš, PhD** (Chairperson of the Nation's Memory Institute in Bratislava)

### I Panel: 10.20-12.00

10.20-10.40 – **Miroslav Akmadža PhD** (Croatian Institute of History, Zagreb),

**Josip Mihaljević PhD** (Croatian Institute of History, Zagreb) The Position of the Catholic Church in Communist Croatia (1945-1952)

10.40-11.00 – **Aleksandar Životić, professor** (Department of History of Yugoslavia Faculty of Philosophy, Belgrade University) USSR, Russian Orthodox Church and Soviet church influence in Yugoslavia (1944-1953)

11.00-11.20 – **Rafał Łatka** associate profesor (Historical Research Office of the Institute of National Remembrance; University of Cardinal Stephan Wyszyński) Primates of Poland and the communist system in Poland (1945-1956)

11.20-11.40 – **Mirosław Szumiło, associate professor** (Historical Research Office of the Institute of National Remembrance; University of Mari Curie-Skłodowska w Lublinie;) Creators and supervisors of anti-Church policy in communist Poland 1945-1956

11.40-12.00 – discussion

12.00-12.20 – coffee break

### II Panel: 12.20-14.00

12.20-12.40 – **Māra Kiope, PhD** (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia) The Decade of Vatican Silence: Catholic Church in Latvia (1946-1956)

12.40-13.00 – **Gergely Isó, PhD-candidate** (Office of the Committee of National Remembrance, Hungary) Resistance and Collaboration in the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Hungary in the Rákosi era (1948—1956)

13.00-13.20 – Réka Földváryné Kiss, PhD (Chairperson of the Committee of National Remembrance, Hungary) The Situation and Strategy of the Protestant Churches in Hungary in the 1950s.

13.20-13.40 – Kristina Burinskaitė PhD (Genocide and resistance research centre of Lithuania, Vilnius) KGB agent activity against Lithuanian Catholic Church. The case „students“

13.40-14.00 – discussion

14.00-15.00 – lunch break

### III Panel: 15.00-16.20

15.00-15.20 – Eva Vybiralová PhD (Institute for the Study of the Totalitarian Regimes in Prague) ‘Extraordinary Faculties’ as an Instrument of the Apostolic See to Deal with the Rise of Communism

15.20-15.40 – Markéta Doležalová, PhD (Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes) Propaganda against Pope Pius XII as a part of anti-church politics in Czechoslovakia in the 1950s.

15.40-16.00 – Dr phil. Beáta Katrebová Blehová (Nation’s Memory Institute in Bratislava) Organizing the first centers of Slovak Catholics in exile in the context of the post-war pontificate of Pope Pius XII

16.00-16.20 – discussion

18.30 – dinner

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## September 7

### IV Panel: 10.00-11.20

10.00-10.20 – František Neupauer, PhD (Nation’s Memory Institute in Bratislava) Intervention of the communist regime against religious in Slovakia in 1950

10.20-10.40 – Przemysław Pazik PhD (Warsaw University) Breaking the spirit. Oath of loyalty of the Polish Episcopate and the Completion of the Stalinist frame for Church-State relations

10.40-11.00 – Bogusław Wójcik PhD (Historical Research Office of the Institute of National Remembrance, Branch: Rzeszów) The youth underground’s organizations as an antidote to antireligious propaganda in Rzeszów Province in the first decade after World War II

11.00-11.20 – discussion

11.20-11.40 – coffee break

### V Panel: 11.40-13.20

11.40-12.00 – Florentina Budeancă PhD (National Council for the Study of the Securitate Archives in Bucharest) Bishop Márton Áron against the Romanian communist state. The toughest years (1948-1956)

12.00-12.20 – Cosmin Budeancă PhD (The Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile, Romania) Sandor Imre – a roman catholic priest in Romanian communist jails

12.20-12.40 – Dragoș Ursu, PhD („1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia; The National Museum of the Union in Alba Iulia) Biographies of Christian Resistance in Communist Romania. Priest Ioan Iovan and the Context of the Recalibration of Relations between the Romanian Communist Regime and the Romanian Orthodox Church

12.40-13.00 – Ioana-Zoia Sandu (Ursu), PhD („1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia; The National Museum of the Union in Alba Iulia) Facing Communism through Faith: The Spiritual Searches of the “Burning Bush” Group (1945-1956)

13.00-13.20 – discussion

13.20-13.40 – lunch break

### VI Panel: 13.40-15.00

13.40-14.00 – Peter Borza, associate professor (Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice) Bishop Pavel Gojdič: Guardian of the religious values and rights of the Greek Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia after 1945

14.00-14.20 – Solveiga Krumina-Konkova, PhD (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia) Martyr for Faith - Bishop Kazimirs Dulbinskis