

XXII. European Forum for Religious Education in Schools

Complete Congress Programme

Religious Education and Artificial Intelligence

Prague, 8–12 April 2026 • Hotel Olšanka, Táboritská 23, Prague 3

Integrated schedule including the plenary programme and national contributions

Wednesday, 8 April 2026

Time	Programme
until 17:00	Arrival at Hotel Olšanka (Prague) and registration
18:00	Dinner at Hotel Olšanka
19:00	Opening of the Conference Opening of the conference by the President of EuFRES, Prof. P. Dr. Roman Buchta; welcoming remarks by invited guests; presentation of the programme; introduction of the Forum participants
20:00	Time to be together

Thursday, 9 April 2026

Time	Programme
07:15	Eucharist (organised by the Polish-speaking group)
08:15	Breakfast
09:00	Session 1: Anthropological Challenges of AI Speaker: Mgr. František Štěch, Th.D. (Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University, Prague)
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	Group discussion (in language groups)
11:30	Group questions and discussion with the speaker
12:30	Lunch
15:00–15:15	National contribution — Slovakia Tibor Reimer, Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology of Cyril and Methodius, Comenius University Bratislava Teachers of Religious Education and the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Slovakia
15:15–15:30	National contribution — Poland Andrzej Kielian, The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow “Pole-Catholic” in the 21st Century: Navigating Declining Religiosity and Shifting National Identity in Poland — From National Faith to a Changing Religious Landscape

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15:30–16:00	National contribution — Poland Anna Zellma; ks. Adam Bielinowicz, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn / Wydział Teologii, Uniwersytet Warmińsko-Mazurski w Olsztynie Artificial intelligence as a near-future(?) tool in religious education. Polish context
16:00–16:15	National contribution — Poland Radosław Mazur, Instytut Nauk Teologicznych Uniwersytetu Szczecińskiego Religious education in the digital age (the Polish example)
16:20–16:30	Open discussion / transition Moderated within the session; time reserve after the extended joint presentation block
16:30	Coffee break
17:00–17:30	National contribution — Poland Andrzej Kiciński; Piotr Goliszek; Mirosław Chmielewski, Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski Jana Pawła II Joint panel: Competencies in communicating faith according to Pope Francis — cognitive competencies; relational competencies; spiritual competencies; media competencies
17:30–17:45	National contribution — Slovenia David Kraner, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Theology Artificial Intelligence in Education: Between Promises of Progress and the Pitfalls of Alienation
17:45–18:00	National contribution — Slovenia Janez Vodičar, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Theology Religious Education as a Call to Personal Witness in Digital Culture
18:00	Dinner
19:00	Option of a walk through Prague

Friday, 10 April 2026

Time	Programme
07:15	Eucharist (organised by the German-speaking group)
08:15	Breakfast
09:00	Session 2: Influence of AI on the lives of children and young people — new paths and challenges for religious education Speaker: Dr. Dr. Mariusz Chrostowski (Catholic University, Eichstätt-Ingolstadt); discussion
10:30	Coffee break
11:00–11:15	National contribution — Slovakia Gabriela Genčúrová, Faculty of Theology, Catholic University in Ružomberok Artificial intelligence in the service of didactic transformation of religious education. Methodological support and hermeneutical challenges
11:15–11:30	National contribution — Croatia Sr. Krista Mijatović SCSC, Institute of Philosophy and Theology of the Society of Jesus Up to Spirituality: AI-Prayer Book in Religious Education

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11:30–11:45	National contribution — Poland Jakoniuk Leszek Marius, University of Białystok (Poland) La soggettività dell'alunno e dell'insegnante di fronte all'intelligenza artificiale. I limiti dell'uso dell'IA nell'educazione religiosa / Podmiotowość ucznia i nauczyciela wobec sztucznej inteligencji. Granice zastosowania AI w edukacji religijnej
11:45–12:00	National contribution — Poland ks. Stanisław Łabendowicz, Instytut Teologiczny w Radomiu Filia AKW w Warszawie The role of artificial intelligence in the process of religious education in the school system
12:00–12:15	National contribution — Czech Republic Mariusz Kuźniar, Hussite Theological Faculty, Charles University / Czech Bishops' Conference AI in Religious Education in the Czech Context: Between Didactic Support and the Formation of the Person
12:15–12:30	National contribution — Poland Mirosław Stanisław Wierzbicki, Uczelnia Korczaka. Akademia Nauk Stosowanych w Warszawie Religious Education in the Preventive System: A Critical Analysis of New Technologies in Education
12:30–12:50	National contribution — Poland Aneta Rayzacher-Majewska, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw AI as a tool for teaching religion to students living abroad
12:50–13:00	Open discussion / transition Moderated within the session; time reserve after the extended joint presentation block
13:00	Lunch
14:30	Cultural programme (Prague) Joint departure at approximately 14:45; transfer by metro and on foot from the Lesser Town (Malá Strana) to Strahov
16:00	Guided visit of the Strahov Library
18:00	Dinner at Strahov — Restaurant Na Pekle

Saturday, 11 April 2026

Time	Programme
07:00–08:00	Breakfast
09:30	Archbishop's Palace (Cardinal Beran Hall) Results of the Forum — introduction and work in language groups
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Summary of the Forum 2026 — conclusion Plenary meeting of the Forum; approval of the final document; election of the new presidium
12:30	Lunch — Cardinal Beran Hall
14:00–15:00	Guided visit of the Archbishop's Palace

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15:00–16:00	Coffee — Cardinal Beran Hall
17:15–18:00	Eucharist — Cathedral (Chapel of St. Wenceslas) Organised by the Spanish–Italian group. Main celebrant: Mons. Zdenek Wasserbauer, Vicar General
18:15–19:15	Guided visit of the Cathedral
19:30	Dinner at Strahov — Restaurant Na Pekle

Sunday, 12 April 2026

Time	Programme
08:00	Eucharist
09:00	Breakfast and departure

Notes

- Participation in the Friday programme has been confirmed by the Delegate for Catechesis of the Czech Bishops' Conference, Mons. Pavel Konzbul, Diocesan Bishop of Brno. In the afternoon, Forum participants will also be joined by the Secretary General of the Czech Bishops' Conference, Fr. Roman Czudek.
- The programme foresees the possibility for all participants to take part in the daily celebration of Mass. Priests who wish to concelebrate are kindly asked to bring their alb and white stole.