

**International Symposium on the 100th Anniversary of the Birth
of Benedict XVI / Joseph Ratzinger**

Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

16–17 April 2027

Call for Papers

The year 2027 marks the centenary of the birth of Joseph Ratzinger / Pope Benedict XVI (1927–2022), whose theological work decisively shaped Catholic thought in the second half of the twentieth century and beyond. His theology unfolds at the intersection of Scripture, tradition, and reason, and is marked by a sustained concern for the question of truth, the Christological center of faith, and the ecclesial form of theology.

Ratzinger's oeuvre resists reduction to a single disciplinary framework: it is at once biblical, dogmatic, liturgical, and fundamentally oriented toward the unity of theology as *intellectus fidei*. His engagement with modernity, his insistence on the intrinsic relation between faith and reason, and his articulation of a "hermeneutic of reform in continuity" continue to provoke and inspire theological reflection.

On this occasion, the Faculty of Theology at the University of Ljubljana invites contributions to an international symposium dedicated to a critical and constructive engagement with Ratzinger's theological legacy.

Areas of interest include:

- Faith and reason; Christology and soteriology; ecclesiology and the Church as communion; liturgy as theology; biblical hermeneutics; revelation, tradition, and doctrinal development; theology and modernity; ecumenism; and the contemporary reception of Ratzinger's thought.

Submission guidelines:

Abstracts (100–200 words) should be submitted by 15 December 2026.

- ✓ Please include your name, academic title, institutional affiliation, and contact details.
- ✓ Conference languages: English and Slovenian.
- ✓ Notification of acceptance: 15 January 2027.

- ✓ All accepted papers will be published in a scientific monograph.
- ✓ Abstracts should be sent to: Ratzinger2027@teof.uni-lj.si

Keynote speakers:

- Prof. dr. Marianne Schlosser (München)
- Dr. Christian Schaller (Regensburg)
- Prof. dr. Tracy Rowland (Melbourne)
- Prof. dr. Nedjeljka Valerija Kovač (Zagreb)

Chair of Organizing Committee: Assoc. prof. dr. Alenka Arko

