

Da genitor, teque amplexu ne subtrahe nostro (Aeneis, VI, 698)

The figure and the role of “father” in Classical Antiquity and Early Christianity

People from many quarters, even those with authority, denounce that the figure and the role of “father” are in eclipse with some worrisome negative consequences to the education of the young people, and to the whole society. “The absence of a father gravely affects family life and the upbringing of children and their integration into society. This absence, which may be physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual, deprives children of a suitable father figure” (*Amoris Laetitia*, 55).

In this light, *the Pontificium Institutum Altioris Latinitatis* (Faculty of Christian and Classical Literature) of the Salesian Pontifical University organise an international conference to reflect on **the figure and the role of “father” in Greco-Roman Antiquity and Early Christianity through different writings** which are still available to us.

The conference will be held on 27th March 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome: Piazza dell’Ateneo Salesiano 1, 00139, Roma; tel: +39 06872901 (www.unisal.it).

Scholars and independent researchers are invited to offer their contribution of a 20-minute paper. Those who would like to participate should send their abstract with title (200-400 words) in English, Italian, or in Latin, with a brief *curriculum vitae* by **31st October 2019** at the following email: convegnopadre.flcc@unisal.it. Please also include your affiliation and current academic status (or the year your PhD was awarded).

The academic committee, co-presided by Prof. Miran Sajovic, S.D.B., who is the President of *Pontificium Institutum Altioris Latinitatis*, and Prof. Roberto Spataro, S.D.B., Secretary of *Pontificia Academia Latinitatis*, will evaluate the received proposal and release the result by 30th November 2019.

The conference will be divided into different panels and sessions according to the topics to be discussed.

The speech can be conducted in English, Italian, or Latin.

No enrolment fee is required for participating the conference; however other expenses such as travelling cost, board and lodging are the responsibility of the participants.

The *Pontificium Institutum Altioris Latinitatis* will be responsible for the publication of the proceedings of the conference. A complimentary copy will be sent to each of the participated speaker who has their paper published in the said volume.

Updates on the conference can be found on the following website:
<https://ficc.unisal.it/index.php/it/covegni-2/covegni-2020>