

# Message from Pavle, Patriarch of the Serbian Church

His Holyness Pavle

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*Your eminence Bishop of this diocese,  
very venerable Enzo with your monastic community,  
most reverend hierarchs, reverend fathers,  
distinguished professors, dear brothers and sisters,*

as the president of the Holy Synod of bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church, I have a very special duty to convey wholehearted greetings to the very venerable Abbot of this community Enzo Bianchi and all the members of this monastery, as well as all the participants of this XVI Conference held in Bose. This Symposium will clarify and illuminate in essence one of the most significant themes of the theology of the Christian Church, spiritual paternity in the Orthodox tradition. With the desire that all of us be pastured by our great Shepherd and great Hierarch the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose pastorhood all the Church pastors are fellow participants, we express our best wishes to all the present students of theology. We expect that they will all contribute to their best so that this year Symposium will bear the best fruits.

+ *Pavle,*

Patriarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church

*(message read by Fr David Perovic  
of the Theological Faculty of Belgrade,  
representant of the Holy Synod of the Serbian Orthodox Church)*