

We cordially invite you
to a conference
– A day of reflection on
pilgrimage to the Holy land.

Friday June 26th

at the
Swedish Christian Study Centre, Jaffa
Gate, Old City, Jerusalem.

In memory of
Fr Michele Piccirillo, ofm
(1944–2008)

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Father Michele Piccirillo, who passed away prematurely on October 26 last year, was a world-renowned biblical scholar, field archaeologist and a mosaic specialist. He is known for his ground-breaking finds in Madaba, Mount Nebo and Umm er-Rasas. His theories revolutionized thinking about early Christian history in the Middle East.

Piccirillo is author of hundreds of publications and recipient of prestigious awards.

He had a passionate attachment to the field of Pilgrimage. We are organizing this event to remember him for his contributions in the field of pilgrimage at conferences organized by SCSC. In late October 2009, in collaboration with Studium Biblicum Franciscanum, we will invite the Jerusalem public to a special day dedicated to his memory and scholarly career.

An international Conference on
Pilgrimage – West and East

Biblical, Historical and
Theological perspectives



PROGRAM

Welcome and introduction

- 09:00 Coffee and mingle.
- 09:30 Welcoming remarks.
Fr Claudio Bottini,
rector of Studium Biblicum Franciscanum
- Greetings from SCSC.
Sune Fahlgren
- 09:45 *Theological motives in Greek Pilgrimage.*
Archbishop Aristarchos, Jslm.
- 10:10 *The Biblical Character of the Pilgrimage
in the Holy land.*
Fr Claudio Bottini
- 10:30 A short break.

Session I: Pilgrimage in Church traditions

Chairperson: Ruth Hummel

- 10:40 *13th century Pilgrims.*
Dennis Pringle, UK.
- 11:05 *My observations of Greek Pilgrimage.*
John Tleel, Jslm.

- 11:30 *Western Pilgrimage under Franciscan
guidance in the 15th century.*
Rev fr Eugenia Alliata, Jslm.

- 11:55 *Armenian Pilgrimage throughout the ages.*
George Hintlian, Jslm.

- 12:20 Lunch Break

Session II: Stations on the Pilgrimage

Chairperson: Håkan Bengtsson

- 13:15 *Hail Zion: Christian pilgrims at the S W
hill in the Byzantine period.*
Susan Graham, US.

- 13:40 *St Brigitte's Pilgrimage to Jerusalem and
Bethlehem.*
Björn Göransson, Sweden

- 14:05 *Photo Pilgrimage in the 19th century.*
Ruth Hummel, US.

- 14:30 Discussion in groups.
Coffee/Tea will be served in the groups.

Session III:

Examples of Pilgrimage in modern times

Chairperson: George Hintlian

- 15:10 *Muslim Pilgrimage and its organization.*
Robert Schick, US.

- 15:35 *Western and Russian Pilgrimage in the
19th century.*
Thomas Hummel, US.

- 16:00 *Trends in Contemporary Russian
Pilgrimage.*
Nicholas Alexandrovitj, Germany.

Panel discussion:

Chairperson: Sune Fahlgren

- 16:30 Reflections and assessments,
with a special contribution by
Fr Thomas Stransky, Jslm.

- 17:15 Epilogue.