

# CHRISTIAN HERITAGE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Christian Heritage Research Institute initiates, supports and disseminates researches that through scientific investigation of the Christian tradition promote the renewal and reinforce the mission of the Catholic Church, and help the orientation among the actual questions of theology, pastoral activity and sacred art.

The aim of the research institute is to investigate the two thousand year old Christian literary, artistic, theological, and philosophical tradition with special regard of two topics: 1) the ancient and medieval Christian culture; 2) the history of Christian sacred art from the viewpoint of the contemporary sacred art and its renewal.

## Priorities in detail:

- Local characteristics of the early Christian communities in Sopianae in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- Early Christianity in Pannonia in the larger framework of Christianity in the Roman Empire.
- Influence and afterlife of early Christian theology; contemporary theological issues from the perspective of Christian tradition.
- Aesthetic and theological questions concerning Christian art, liturgy, and *ars sacra*.

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## Facilities:

### Episcopal Library of Pécs

The library was founded by György Klimo, the bishop of Pécs (1751-1777) and was made public in 1774. The library possesses the most important books of the 18<sup>th</sup> century sciences including Theology, Medicine, Jurisprudence, History, Natural Sciences, Linguistics, and so on.



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## The Episcopal Archives of Pécs

The Episcopal Archives of Pécs contain the Episcopal Archives and the Archives of the Chapter. Manuscripts concerning the episcopate, the Chapter and the diocese are available from the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, including documents about administrative, educational, judicial and economic issues of the diocese, mainly in Latin or Hungarian.



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## The Library of the Episcopal Theological College of Pécs

Besides more than 20 thousand books of theological and catechetical topics, the reader can find journals, digital resources, Hungarian and international data bases.



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## Accommodation for researchers

The Pilgrim House is situated in the heart of the historic downtown of Pécs in the immediate vicinity of the Cathedral, the Romanesque Lapidary, the Archives and the Treasury. The environment is calm, free from car traffic. The libraries and the most important religious, cultural sites and museums of the town can be reached within a couple of minutes of walk.

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