



Metropolitan Archbishop of Izmir

**SYMPOSIUM
FOR THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE DEATH
OF BLESSED ANNA KATHARINA EMMERICK**

The Archdiocese of Izmir, at the initiative of its Archbishop Archbishop Martin Kmetec, is organizing a symposium to mark the bicentennial of the death of German mystic Anna Katharina Emmerick on **October 11 and 12, 2024**. The first day will take place **in Izmir (Karşıyaka Church)** and the second day at the **House of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus**.

This event is part of the spiritual journey, beginning in 2021, which will lead us to 2031, the year of the 16th centenary of the Council of Ephesus (year 431).

Presentation

In fact, it was as a result of reading the life of Anna Katharina Emmerick and her visions regarding the life of the Virgin Mary that Sister Marie de Grancey, Daughter of Charity in Izmir, drew the attention of the Lazarist Fathers to the possible location of the Virgin Mary's last abode near Ephesus and that some research was carried out. The Blessed Anne Catharina is thus indirectly at the origin of this discovery.

For this reason, what could be more appropriate than to organize this symposium about the figure of Anna Katharina Emmerick on the first day and the Lazarist Fathers on the second day?

There could have been no better occasion to give thanks to God for Anna Katharina Emmerick's gift to the Church and to honor her memory than the annual pilgrimage during which, in October, the Archdiocese of Izmir and the Apostolic Vicariates of Turkey gather to celebrate the Theotokos, Mary Mother of God.

To commemorate the Blessed mystic it is an opportunity to renew and strengthen the ties that unite the Archdiocese with the Society of the Friends of Ephesus of Freising.

It is also a further step in the journey, begun in 2021, to make our national Marian shrine not only a pilgrimage destination but also an important place of reflection and culture during these ten years leading up to the 16th centenary of the Councils of Ephesus. All of you are most welcome!

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

(1) Inscription:

- Registration is mandatory. The registration deadline for the symposium is September 25.
- There is a registration fee of 25.00 Euro per day; for those who are eligible.
- For registration and any other information, please contact.

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(2) Lodging:

- Hotel accommodation is the responsibility of the participants. If you desire the reservation be made by organizers please contact

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- Please specify if you do not require a reservation.

(3) Supporting the Symposium:

You are heartedly invited to support the costs of the Symposium. To those who would desire to help us the bank account will be sent.

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