



Christkatholische Kirche der Schweiz  
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«Inspiring people – strengthening community»

## Save the date

**34th International Old Catholic Congress**  
**September 24–27, 2026, in Rheinfelden, Switzerland**

Bern/Rheinfelden, 12 December 2025

Inspiring people – strengthening community. Under this motto, the Old Catholic Church of Switzerland warmly invites you to the 34th International Old Catholic Congress (IAKK) in Rheinfelden from September 24 to 27, 2026. The congress will take place during the 150th anniversary of the Old Catholic Church of Switzerland. On September 18, 1876, Eduard Herzog was consecrated as the first Old Catholic bishop of Switzerland in the St. Martin's Church in Rheinfelden.

We would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to this special event. A varied programme awaits you in Rheinfelden. You can look forward to a whole host of different activities, ranging from information stands and dialogue forums to spiritual and liturgical celebrations. You will have the opportunity to explore different ideas and experience different forms of community. Of course, there will also be shared meals and aperitifs.

After the participants have arrived individually, the congress will begin its programme on Friday, September 25, at 9 a.m. with the official welcome and will end on Sunday, September 27, after the festive church service in St. Martin's Church (10 a.m.), which will be broadcasted on Swiss television, followed by an aperitif shared with the local parish.

The congress ticket, which grants access to all official events and venues, including all aperitifs, lunches and dinners during the congress, is available for 150 Swiss francs (day tickets for 50 Swiss francs). Hotel accommodations in various price categories will be available upon registration.

Special offers for young adults and young people aged 12 to 21 are an integral part of the congress. The costs of accommodation and congress tickets will be covered in principle for this group of young participants; however, these participants pay a symbolic fee of 20 Swiss francs.

The **registration documents** with all the details will be sent out at the **beginning of March 2026**.

If you have any questions now, please feel free to contact the organising team in Fricktal: [iakk@christkatholisch.ch](mailto:iakk@christkatholisch.ch).

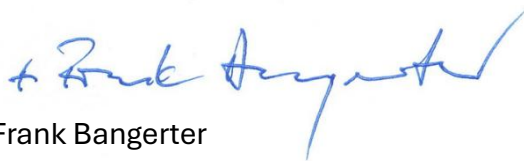
Have a look at: <https://christkatholisch.ch/iakk2026>.

**Make a note in your diary now – we look forward to seeing you!**

Warm regards

For the Old Catholic Church of Switzerland

The Bishop:



Frank Bangerter

The President of the Synodal Council:



Franz Peter Murbach



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## **AGENDA**

**(provisional)**

### **Thursday, September 24, 2026**

*Individual arrival and open offers*

### **Friday, September 25, 2026**

*Start of the congress and various programme offers*

- 9:00 a.m.: Opening
- 10:00 a.m.: Programme offers I
- 12:30 p.m.: Lunch
- 2:00 p.m.: Programme offers II
- 6:00 p.m.: Dinner
- 7:30 p.m.: Evening programme

### **Saturday, September 26, 2026**

*«Open Space» conference and evening celebration*

- 9:00 a.m.: «Open Space» I
- 12:30 p.m.: Lunch
- 2:00 p.m.: «Open Space» II
- 4:00 p.m.: Conference conclusions
- 6:30 p.m.: Evening celebration

### **Sunday, September 27, 2026**

*Festive church service, conclusion, and individual departure*

- 10:00 a.m.: Televised church service
- 11:30 a.m.: Apéro and conclusion of the congress