

From August 25-29, over 300 lay-people and religious gathered at the Assumptionist conference center near Lyon, France, to participate in the sixth session of the Assumptionist Summer "University" series (dating back to 2001). This year's topic was of particular relevance to world events: "The Mediterranean: Mother of Humanity - from one shore to the other." Does this vast sea, home to great religions and cultures (Jerusalem, Athens, Rome, Alexandria, Istanbul) act as a link or as an impassable abyss?

The Mediterranean basin, which was the cradle of Western civilization, is today one of the places where a lasting peace is being sought. "Here it is that the future of Europe is being built, one which depends on the ability of the two shores to cooperate in this effort," remarked Robert Migliorini, A.A., one of the principal organizers of the conference.










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