Information and Conference Registration

- The Conference is open to all.
- Simultaneous translation will be provided in Italian, Greek, Russian, English, French.
- Participants are kindly requested to arrive on Tuesday, 4 September. The Conference will end on Saturday, 8 September, with a festive meal.
- Celebration of the Orthodox Divine Liturgy: Saturday, 8 September, 7:00 am for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Mother of God.
- Lodging will be provided at the Monastery and in the nearby area. There will be daily transportation service for those who are not lodged at the Monastery.
- To sign up for the Conference it is necessary to contact the Secretariat of the Conference to see if there are available places and only then to send the enclosed registration form by 30 August 2018. For further information, contact the Secretariat.

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... discernment is reckoned among the noblest gifts of the Spirit by the Apostle: “To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another the gift of healing by the same Spirit”, and shortly after, “to another the discerning of spirits” (1Co 12:8-10). You see then that the gift of discernment is no earthly thing and no slight matter, but the greatest prize of divine grace.

St John Cassian

Photo: The Doubt of Thomas, mosaic, Cathedral, 12th century, Monreale
Discernment in Times of Crisis: St Maxim the Confessor

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Criteria for Community Decisions in St Benedict Rule

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Discerning the Present Time

Discernment and the Theological Principle of oikonomía

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