**67th SIESC Meeting in Sätila, Sweden**

God willing, **from 24 to 28/29 July 2023** we will have the opportunity to meet physically in Sweden. Sätila is situated about 45 km south of Gothenburg.

The topic of this year's meeting will be something that concerns us as teachers, but also as parents, grandparents and concerned citizens: **CHILDREN’S RIGHT TO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**. We hope that the lectures and discussions during the meeting will help us look at this important subject from different perspectives, as well as strengthen our resolve to pass on our Christian faith and traditions to the younger generation.

*Riksförbundet Kristen Fostran (RKF)*, a Swedish Christian organization for parents and teachers, will be hosting the meeting. A team consisting of RKF members will accompany us during these days to help with all practical issues.

**Our speakers:**

**Per Ewert** holds a PhD in Political History and serves as director of the Christian think tank Claphaminstitutet. He has previously worked as a teacher in secondary school and has also written a number of books within the field of Christian apologetics. He recently defended his dissertation entitled “Moving reality closer to the ideal: The process towards autonomy and secularism during the Social Democratic hegemony in 20th century Sweden” (University of Stavanger, Norway). Ewert will help us look at the topic of our meeting from the perspective of the child.

**Anders Dunemyr** is the principal of a Christian school in Stockholm. He holds a Master in Educational Science and has gained 25 years of experience within the educational field as a teacher and headmaster. Dunemyr will share some thoughts on our topic from a school perspective.

**Katolska Pedagogiska Nämnden (KPN)** is an organization within Stockholm’s Catholic diocese. KPN has received a mission from the bishop to support the educational efforts of Sweden’s Catholic congregations. A representative of KPN will hold a lecture on our topic from the perspective of the family.

The Catholic Bishop of Sweden, Cardinal Anders Arborelius, will honour us with a visit on the first day of our meeting. He will give the opening address and celebrate mass.

During the **afternoons of our meeting** we will have the opportunity to visit some places of interest such as Göteborg city, the open air museum Äskhult by and Ekelunds väveri, a weavery.

During the **final excursion** we will visit several places of historical interest in the Västergötland area, several of which are connected to the Christianization of Scandinavia.

We look forward to meeting our brothers and sisters from different parts of Europe in beautiful Sweden. We cordially invite you on behalf of SIESC and the organizing team.

For SIESC For the organizing team

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