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**Under the auspices of His Beatitude the Patriarch of Alexandria and all Africa Theodoros II and in collaboration with the Roman Catholic Missionary Community of St. Egidio**, International Conference under the title: *“Saint Mark, the Apostle of Christianity in Egypt”*, will be held at the Seat of the Patriarchate on 24 April, on the occasion of St. Mark’s celebration.

Conference’s goal is to trace and evaluate the life and work of the Apostle and Evangelist St. Mark, the founder of the Alexandrian Church. Particular emphasis will be given to the role played by St. Mark in the propagation and consolidation of Christianity in Egypt, as well as in the historical development of the Alexandrian Church. Moreover it will be examined the framework that enabled Apostle Mark to write the most ancient of the four Gospels, known as the Gospel of Jesus Christ’s miracles, as well as the impact that his Gospel exercised in spreading the Christian message in world level. Finally it will be presented the diachronic contribution of Apostle and Evangelist Mark in molding the spiritual and missionary activity of the Alexandrian Throne in the African continent.

To this direction they will contribute with their announcements on behalf of the Alexandrian Patriarchate the Metropolitan of Kenya, Makarios, the Metropolitan of Johannesburg, Serafeim, and the Director of the Patriarchal Library, Apostolos Trifyllis. On behalf of the Roman Catholic Missionary Community of St. Egidio, the conference will be addressed by Monsignor Ambrosio Spreafico and Professors Joachim Gnilka and Armand Puig I Tarrech.

The conference’s sessions will take place in the Patriarchal Library from 09:00 to 14:00 and will be open to the public. Personal invitations will not be dispatched.