The nomination of St. Gertrude as a Doctor of the Church is a project led since 2012 by the Benedictine and Cistercian Orders, to obtain recognition of the eminence of her doctrine, which involves orthodoxy, universality, opportunity, validity, and a broad influence over the centuries.

Since 2012 the Committee has been working on the Cause, leading the canonical process before the Holy See, and fostering historical, linguistic, and literary studies on St. Gertrude’s work and life. In promoting these sessions, the Committee seeks to share their results and to provide a forum for a scholarly discussion that contributes to move research forward.

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Leipzig University Library Ms 827 is the oldest-known manuscript of «The Herald of God’s Loving-Kindness», a collective work by Helfta Abbey in the 13th Century.

As it was copied shortly after Gertrude’s death, Leipzig Ms 827 has relevant implications for the understanding of «The Herald». In 2018, the International Committee for the Nomination of Saint Gertrude as a Doctor of the Church committed itself to publishing the Leipzig Manuscript and to translating it into several modern languages. The task was entrusted to an international team, some of whose members make up this session. Today the critical bilingual edition of Leipzig Ms 827 in Latin-French, is about to be released. This session aims to introduce the main features of the forthcoming edition, the critical issues raised by the text, and some possible hermeneutic ways to solve them, with the larger goal of providing an interdisciplinary forum for a wide discussion of all aspects involved in Leipzig Ms 827.

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