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This represents the papers given at the symposium on Petrine ministry held in Rome in December 1997 as part of the centenary celebrations of the Society of the Atonement. It includes position papers representative of all the major traditions in dialogue with Rome, including a particularly penetrating contribution by the brilliant Yugoslav Pentecostalist, Miroslav Volf. There are four papers from the Orthodox/Oriental Orthodox traditions, and also Anglican, Methodist, Reformed, Lutheran and Baptist contributions. Klaus Schatz, the Jesuit historian, contributes a useful essay on the historical conditions affecting the evolution of the primacy and Jean-Marie Tillard contributes a concluding essay, *The Ecumenical Kairos and the Primacy*. Many fruitful lines for further reflection and research emerge and these will repay examination in all the different bilateral dialogues with Rome. This is an extremely important book.