

**Priest PhD Ion Popescu-Cilieni, Important Donour at the  
“Oltenia” Museum**

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**Abstract**

The theologian, professor, missionary and curator Ion Popescu-Cilieni is one of the most important donours from the recent history of “Oltenia” Museum from Craiova. He bridged his intellectual and material contribution to the process of conservation of our national and religious traditions. Side by side with father Dumitru Bălașa and with the academician C.S. Nicolăescu Ploșor, Popescu-Cilieni hugely supported the process of development and enrichment of the archeological and historical patrimony of “Oltenia” Museum. In our study we have tried to present the most important pieces of the Cilieni donation, related to his life and acts of charity.