

For a Synodal Church


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Leading Locally



Synod
2021
2024

**WHAT HAS BEEN
YOUR EXPERIENCE
OF SYNODALITY?**

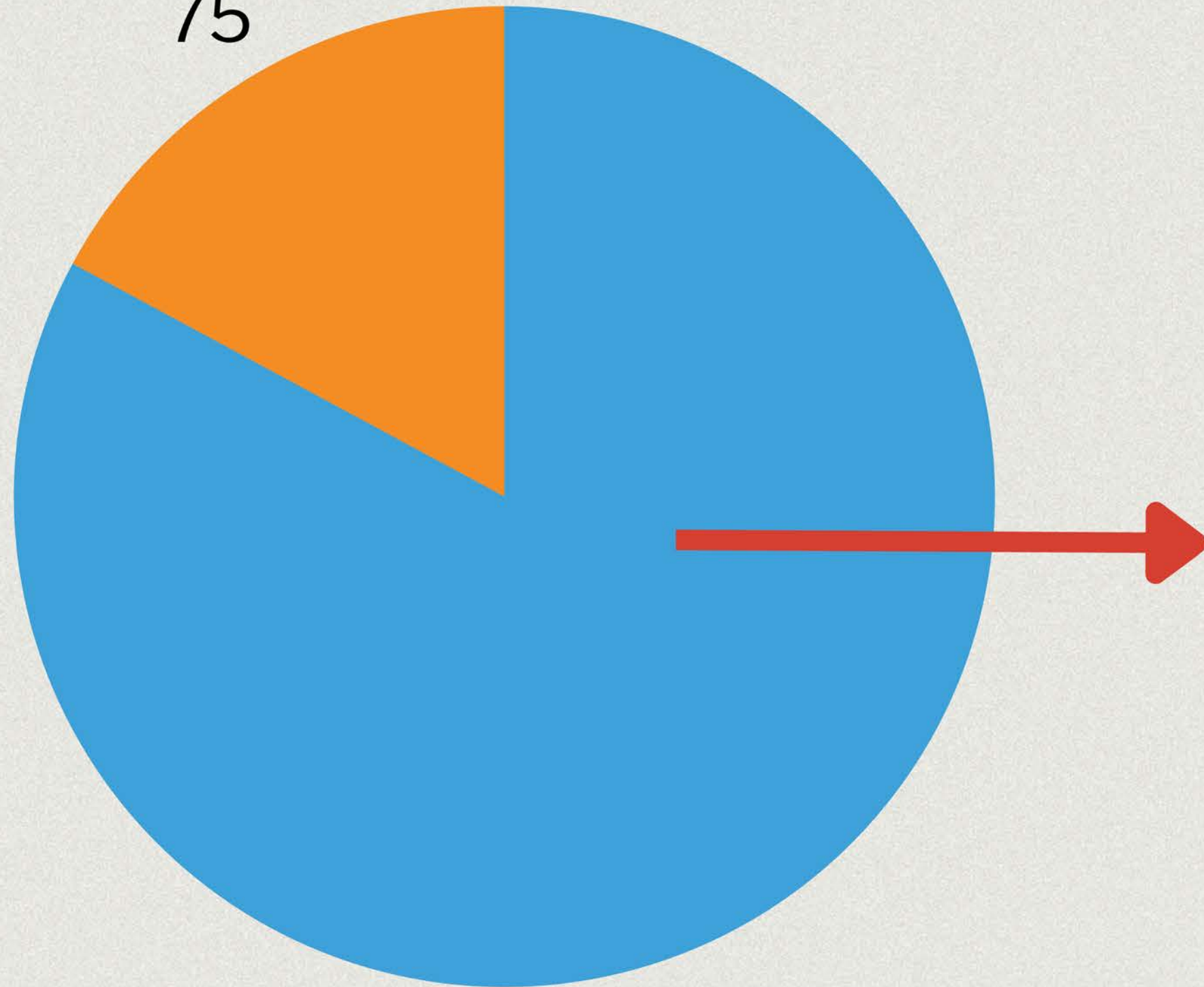


KELLY'S EXPERIENCE



Experts & Facilitators

75



363
Voting Members



1 Pope



54 Cardinals



212 Archbishops & Bishops



96 non-bishop members
(46 Laypeople, 54 women)









Working in group



Participant

*Membres,
Délégués fraternels, Invités spéciaux*



Relator (elected)



Secretary

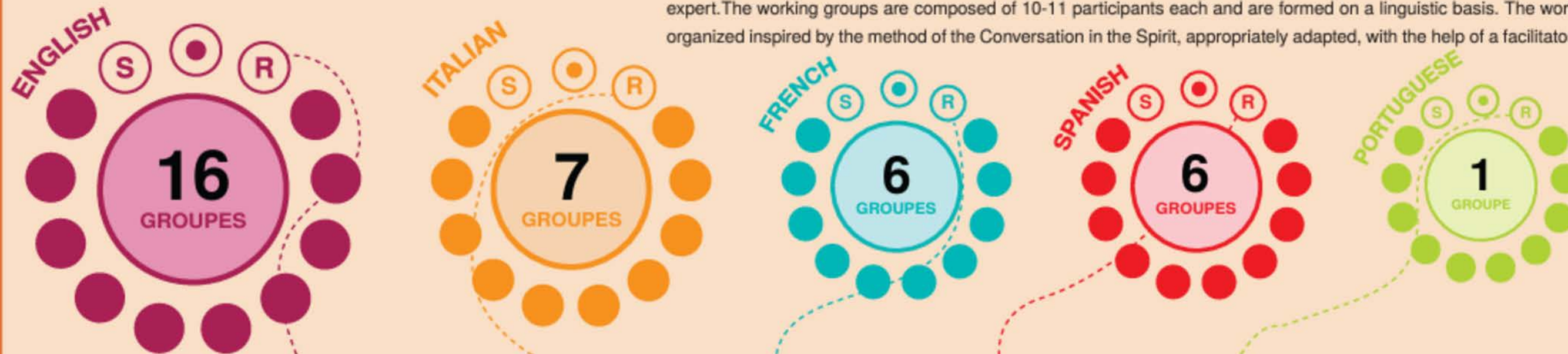


Facilitator

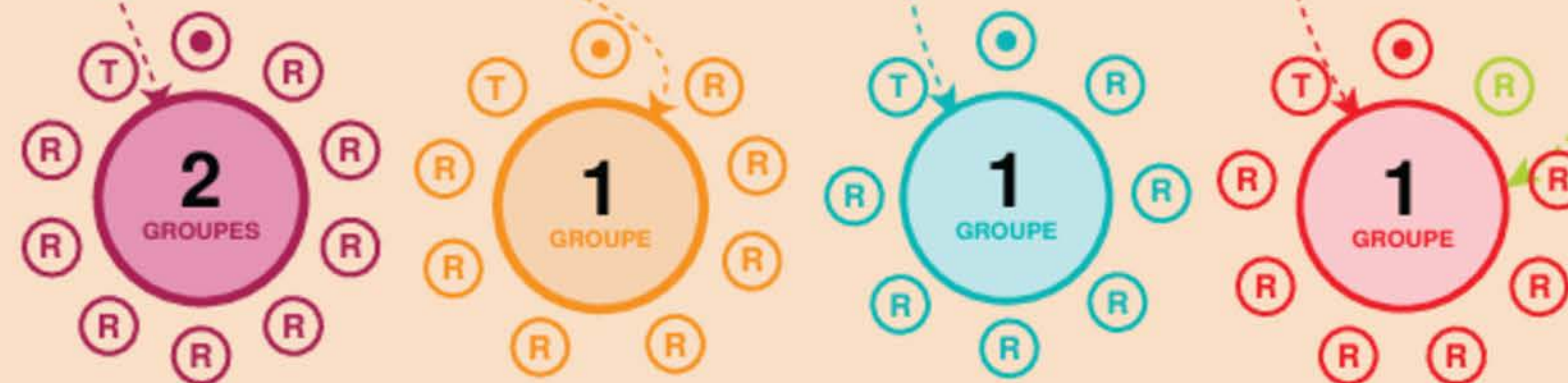


Theological expert

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Linguistic Tables



5 SUMMARY
OF THE
WORK OF
THE GROUPS

Preparation for the Plenary



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Relator General

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Special Secretaries

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Secretary General

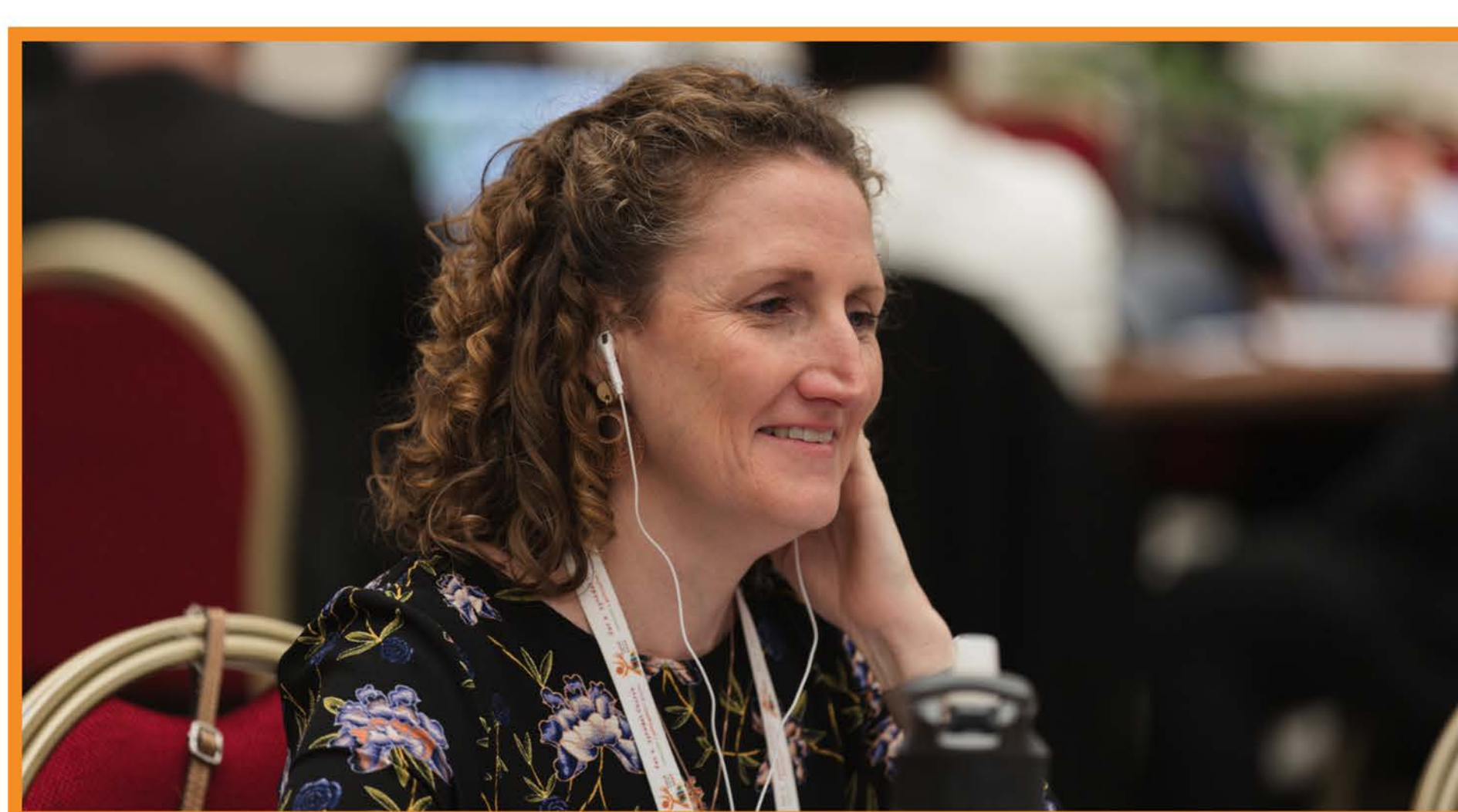
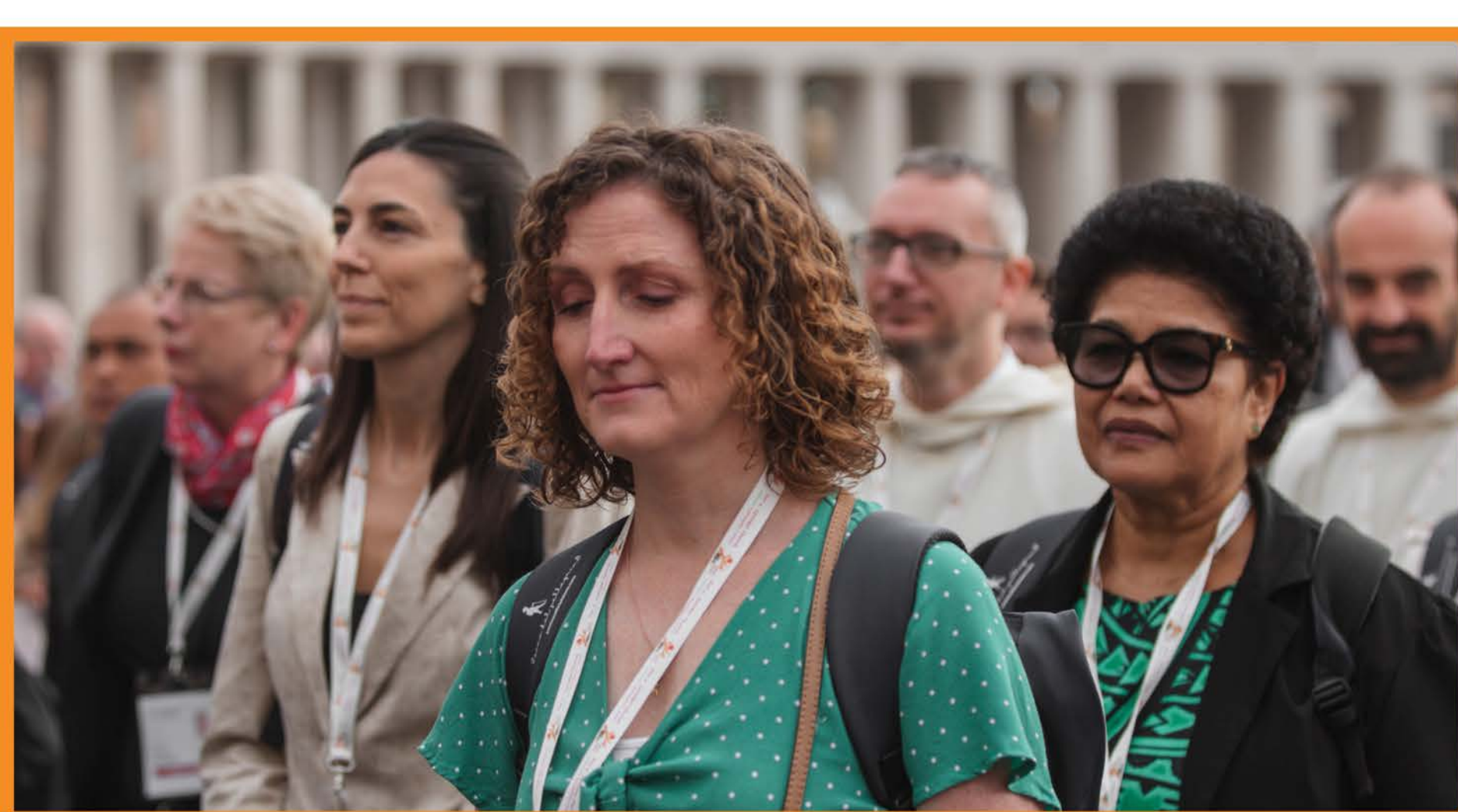
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Delegate President



PROPOSAL OF
TOPICS TO
DISCUSS IN
PLENARY





INTERVENTO IN CORSO

Sig.a

Kelly PAGET

Cancelliere presso la Diocesi di Broken Bay - Australia

02:41



INTERVENTI SUCCESSIVI

SIMICK P.

HIROTA, M.M.B. P.

DA COSTA PINTO, O.F.M. J.

NASHENDA, O.M.I. L.









THE MARKS OF A SYNODAL CHURCH

Relating

Listening

Discerning

Self-Emptying

XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

SECOND SESSION

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With this document, the Assembly recognises and bears witness that synodality, a **constitutive dimension of the Church**, is already part of the experience of many of our communities. At the same time, it suggests **pathways to follow**, **practices to implement** and **horizons to explore**. The Holy Father, who convened the Church in Synod, will instruct the Churches, entrusted to the pastoral care of the Bishops, how to continue our journey supported by the hope ‘that does not disappoint’ (Rom 5:5).



In families, we learn to experience the basic practices needed for a synodal Church... that ***we are equal in dignity and created for reciprocity,*** that ***we need to be listened to, and that we are able to listen.*** Here we first learn ***how to discern and decide together,*** ***accept and exercise authority that is loving and life-giving,*** and to be ***co-responsible and accountable.***



A ***synodal spirituality*** flows from the action of the Holy Spirit and requires ***listening to the Word of God, contemplation, silence and conversion of heart...*** [it] also requires ***asceticism, humility, patience and a willingness to forgive and be forgiven.*** It welcomes with ***gratitude and humility the variety of gifts*** It does so ***without ambition, envy or desire for domination or control, cultivating the same attitude as Christ*** who “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave” (Phil. 2:7)

KEY LEARNINGS

- Continuation of Vatican II
- Healthy decentralisation
- Reform of 'Decision Making' and 'Decision Taking'
- Governance, accountability transparency



REFLECTION:

**WHAT HAS FILLED YOU WITH HOPE?
WHAT CHALLENGES DOES IT PRESENT?**





In promoting co-responsibility for the mission of all the Baptised, we recognise the **apostolic capacities of people with disabilities** who feel called and sent out as **active agents of evangelisation**. We appreciate the contribution that comes from the immense wealth of humanity they bring with them. We **acknowledge their experiences of suffering, marginalisation, and discrimination, sometimes suffered even within the Christian community due to attempts at showing compassion that can be paternalistic**. In order to encourage their participation in the life and mission of the Church, we propose the **establishment of a Church-based research initiative or observatory on disability**.

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 - Called by the Holy Spirit to Conversion
- **Part 2 - On the boat, together;**
 - A Conversion of Relationships
- **Part 3 - Cast the Net;**
 - A Conversion of Processes
- **Part 4 - An Abundant Catch;**
 - A Conversion of bonds
- **Part 5 - So I send you;**
 - Forming people for Missionary Discipleship

PART 1 - THE HEART OF SYNODALITY; CALLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CONVERSION

- The role of the Holy Spirit
- The People of God, grounded by Baptism, and Eucharist
- Prioritising the 'Poor' - Those without hope
 - Agents of evangelisation and witnesses
- Relationships - Listening - Mission
- Synodality as Spirituality and Structural
 - Dialogue, discernment, co-responsibility
- Unity, not uniformity

PART 2 - ON THE BOAT, TOGETHER; A CONVERSION OF RELATIONSHIPS

- deepening of relations - with God, in the church, in families and across divides
- Relational transformation - reflecting Christ
- Structural sins - war, inequality, environmental harm, abuse crisis
- need for repentance
- Charisms, vocation, ministries - working together for the mission
- wider participation in decision-making
- recognising the role of the hierarchy
- transparency and accountability
- Role of women

PART 3 - CAST THE NET; A CONVERSION OF PROCESSES

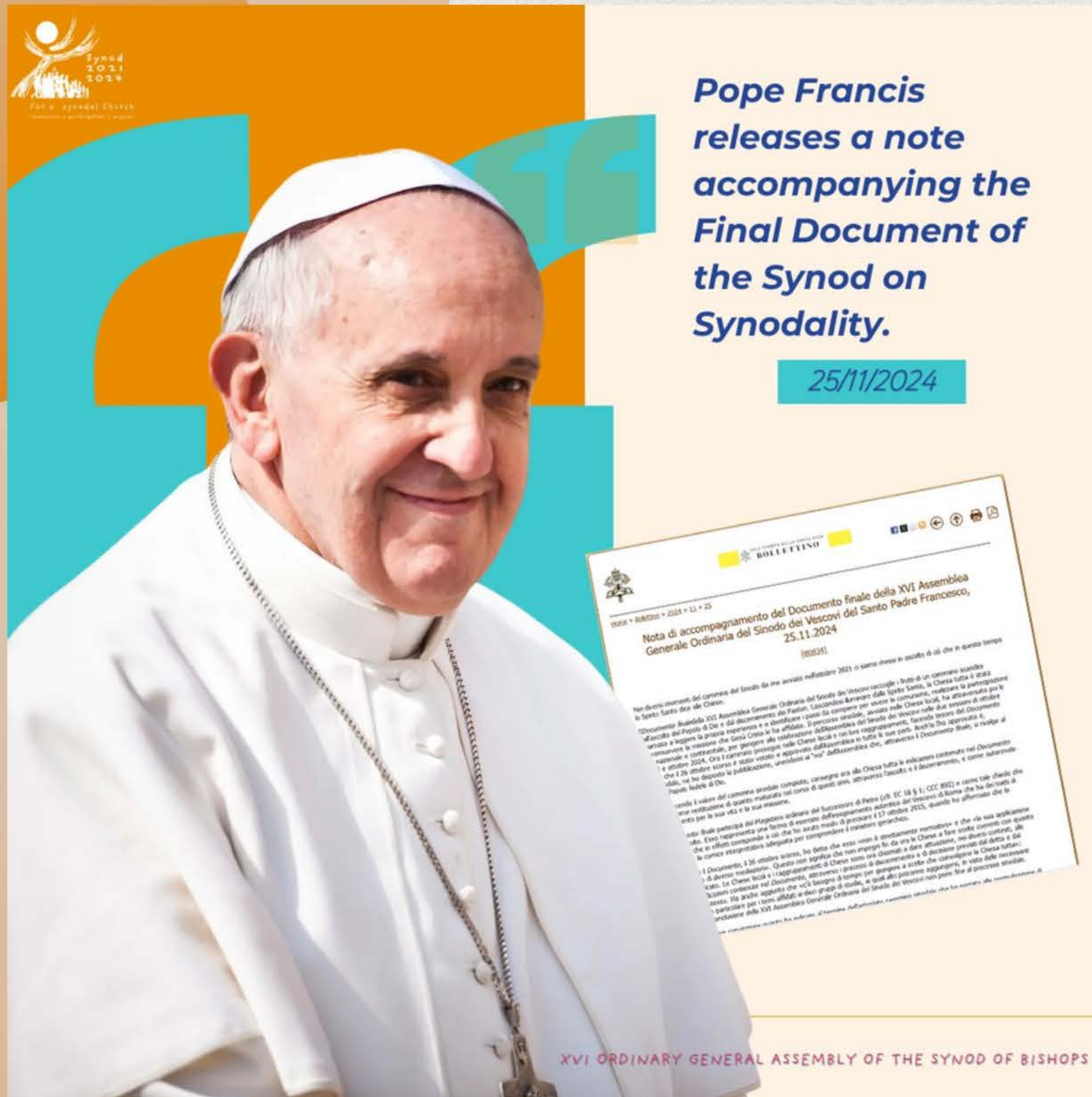
- Discernment is essential
 - Listening to Scripture, tradition, Conscience and the voice of the marginalised
- Prayer, humility, respectful listening and focus on the common good
- Practised in small groups, in local communities
- Participatory bodies - synods and councils for consultation, accountability and evaluation
- Request for a synodal reform of Canon Law
- Discussion about selection of Bishops

PART 4 - AN ABUNDANT CATCH; A CONVERSION OF BONDS

- inter-church relations and ecumenical relations
- clarifying theology of these relations
- clarifying the structural and hierarchical understanding

PART 5 - SO I SEND YOU; FORMING PEOPLE FOR MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

- Formation
- missionary disciples - Initiation as starting point, then ongoing formation
- Understanding the digital context
- promoting safeguarding
- addressing global issues of justice and peace



"The journey now continues in local Churches, guided by the Final Document, approved on October 26 by the Assembly. **I, too, have approved and signed it, joining the Assembly's 'we' in addressing the holy People of God.** Recognizing the value of the synodal path, I entrust this document to the entire Church as a fruit of listening and discernment, and an authoritative guide for its life and mission. **The Final Document is part of the ordinary Magisterium of the Successor of Peter (cf. EC 18 §1; CCC 892) and is to be received as such."**



REFLECTION:
HOW ARE WE LIVING SYNODALY?
HOW MIGHT WE STRENGTHEN
SYNODALITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES?



IMPLEMENTATION PHASE

- **March 2025:** announcement of the accompaniment and evaluation process;
- **May 2025:** publication of the Support Document for the implementation phase, with guidelines for its conduct;
- **June 2025 – December 2026:** implementation paths in local Churches and their groupings;
- **24-26 October 2025:** Jubilee of synodal teams and participatory bodies;

IMPLEMENTATION PHASE

- **first half of 2027:** evaluation Assemblies in Dioceses and Eparchies;
- **second half of 2027:** evaluation Assemblies in national and international Episcopal Conferences, Eastern hierarchical structures, and other groupings of Churches;
- **first half of 2028:** continental evaluation Assemblies;
- **June 2028:** publication of the Instrumentum laboris for the works of the ecclesial Assembly in October 2028;
- **October 2028:** celebration of the ecclesial Assembly in the Vatican.

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