

Mary Magdalene Goes to the Synod – Training Session # 4

- The Second Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops takes place in Rome from 2 – 27 October 2024.
- Instrumentum Laboris
- 10 working groups on issues
- Other working groups set up by Synod office
- Advocacy strategies

3 years on the synodal path

- First Stage
  - Opening October 2021
  - Local churches consult
  - Moved through diocesan, national, continental stages (innovation of synod – people in regions listen and discern)
- Second Stage
  - Based on first session
  - More consultations
    - How to be a synodal church?
    - Paths and tools for different contexts
  - Drafting of IL
    - intro, part 1,2,3, conclusion



The Work of the Second Session in October

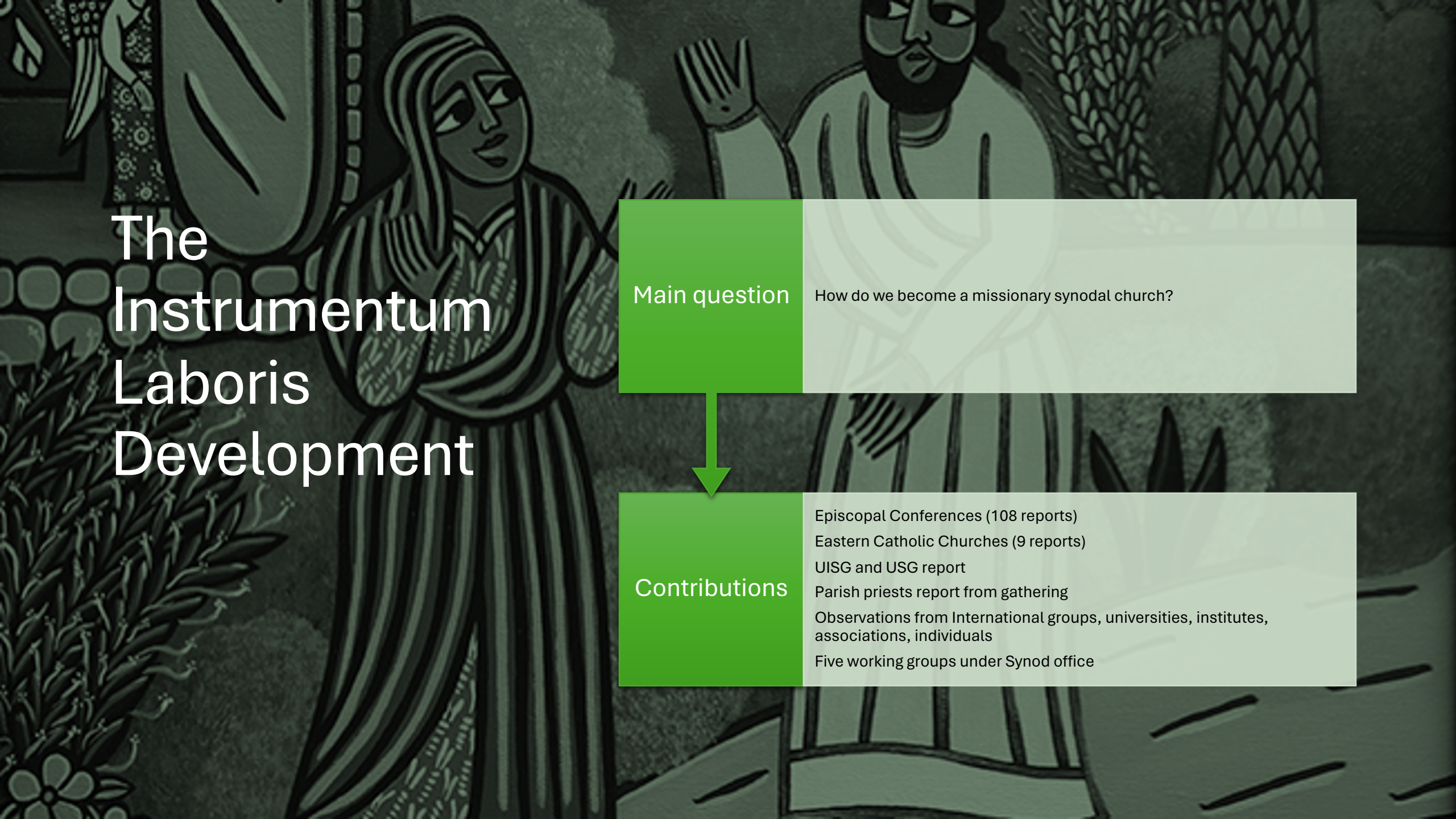
- How to be a synodal Church in mission?
- Oct 2023 and 2024 continuity and part of broader process of AC – Episcopalis Communio
- Dedicated to foundational understandings of synodality



What we can expect

- Deepening of a shared understanding of synodality
- Better focus on practices of a synodal church
- Changes to canon law
- Possible other changes that evolve from dialogue and discernment
- New proposals
- “We are still learning.” (p 7)





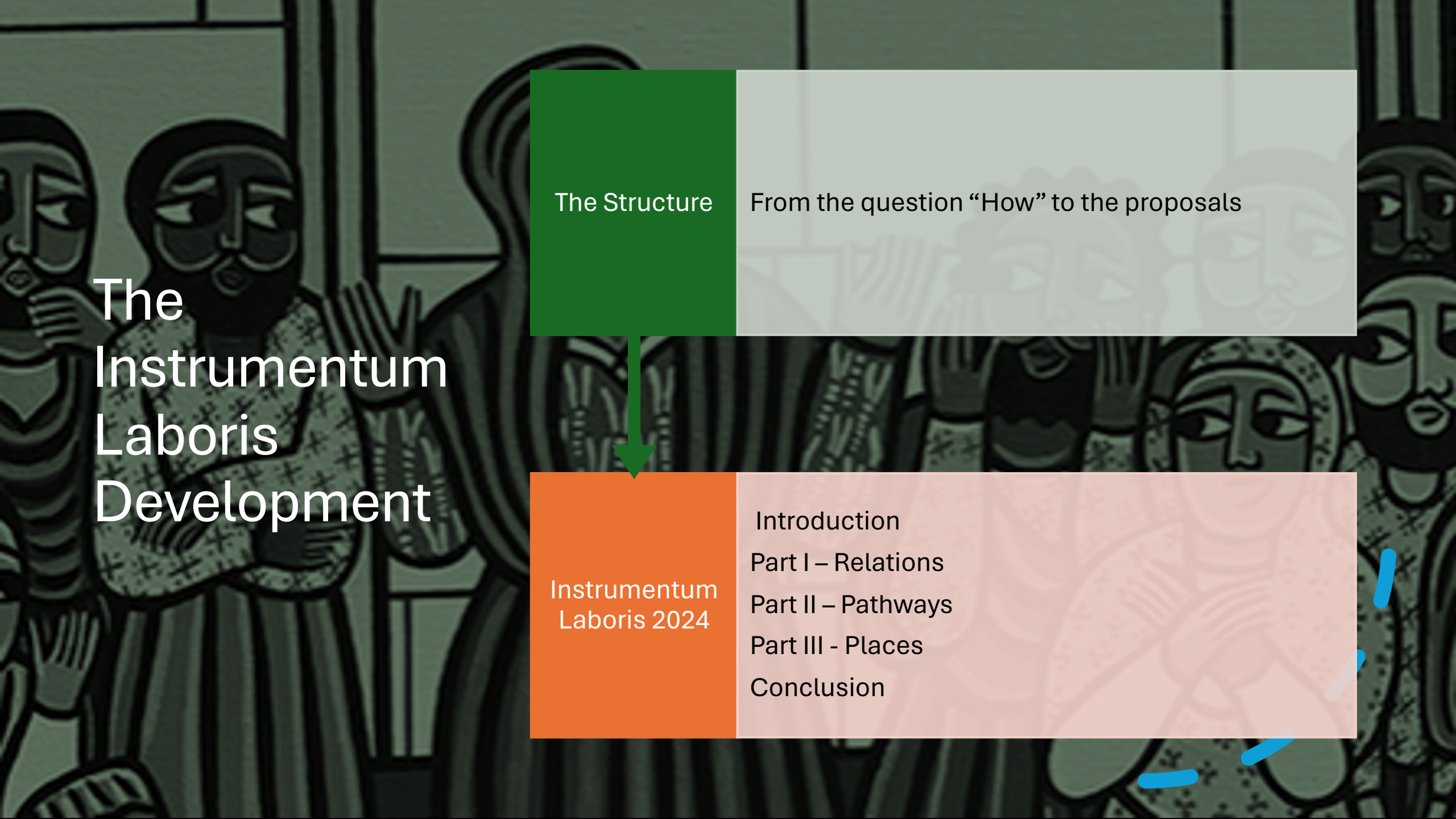
The Instrumentum Laboris Development

Main question	How do we become a missionary synodal church?
Contributions	Episcopal Conferences (108 reports) Eastern Catholic Churches (9 reports) UISG and USG report Parish priests report from gathering Observations from International groups, universities, institutes, associations, individuals Five working groups under Synod office

The Instrumentum Laboris Development

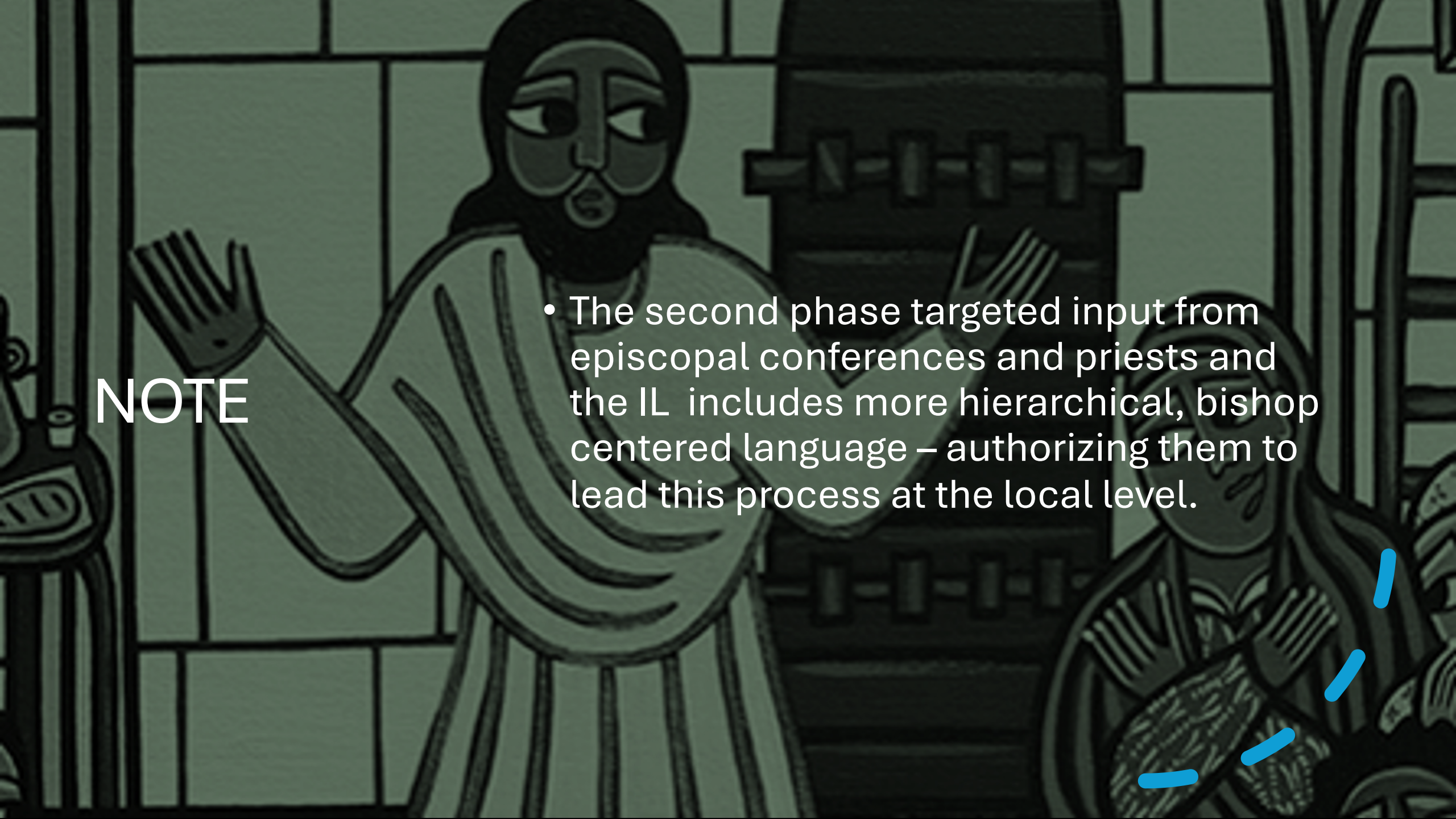
Five working groups under the Synod Office

- The missionary synodal face of the local church
- The missionary synodal face of church groupings
- The missionary synodal face of the universal church
- The synodal method
- The place of the synodal church in mission



The Instrumentum Laboris Development

The Structure	From the question “How” to the proposals
Instrumentum Laboris 2024	Introduction Part I – Relations Part II – Pathways Part III - Places Conclusion



NOTE

- The second phase targeted input from episcopal conferences and priests and the IL includes more hierarchical, bishop centered language – authorizing them to lead this process at the local level.



Who worked on the draft (6 women)
https://www.synod.va/en/news/a-church-alive-and-on-the-move.html



Who worked drafting the IL

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Beyond the IL

1. Ten study groups – the work has begun (will offer progress report for 2024 synod and will complete work by June 2025)

Under the Synod Office

1. Five Study Groups under the Synod Office - Before and during upcoming synod, will work on implementation as envisaged by Episcopalis Communio.

2. The Dicastery for Legislative Texts and A Canon Law Commission has been set up.

3. SECAM (Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar) will study polygamy



Inside and Outside the Synod Hall

Process & Proposals
(Inside the Synod Hall)

The participants at the second session will focus more on “how to be a synodal church.”

- Theology
- Canon law
- Practical implementation
- 3 levels
  - Local church
  - National, regional, continental groupings of church
  - Relationship of pope to whole church, episcopal collegiality, synodality

Controversial Issues
(Outside the Synod Hall)

10 study groups handle certain topics

- In those topics will be ministry for women, sexuality, and other controversial matters

10 Study Groups with 10 themes were set up in Phase II

- Based on Synthesis report and Pope Francis input
- Started June 2024
- Progress report for October 2024 synod
- Finish by June 2025
- Experts, churchmen, dicasteries, synod office
- A canon law commission has been set up
- SECAM (Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar) set up commission to study theological and pastoral implications of polygamy





Instrumentum Laboris

View to what the synod participants will work on in October



Foundations for a missionary synodal church (from sections of IL)

- *Need to create structures*
  - for reflections (pastoral & theological) & proposals
  - for conversion and reform
- Captured in concrete measures

  (goes beyond suggestions to performance measures)

The Church, People of God, Sacrament of Unity (from sections of IL)

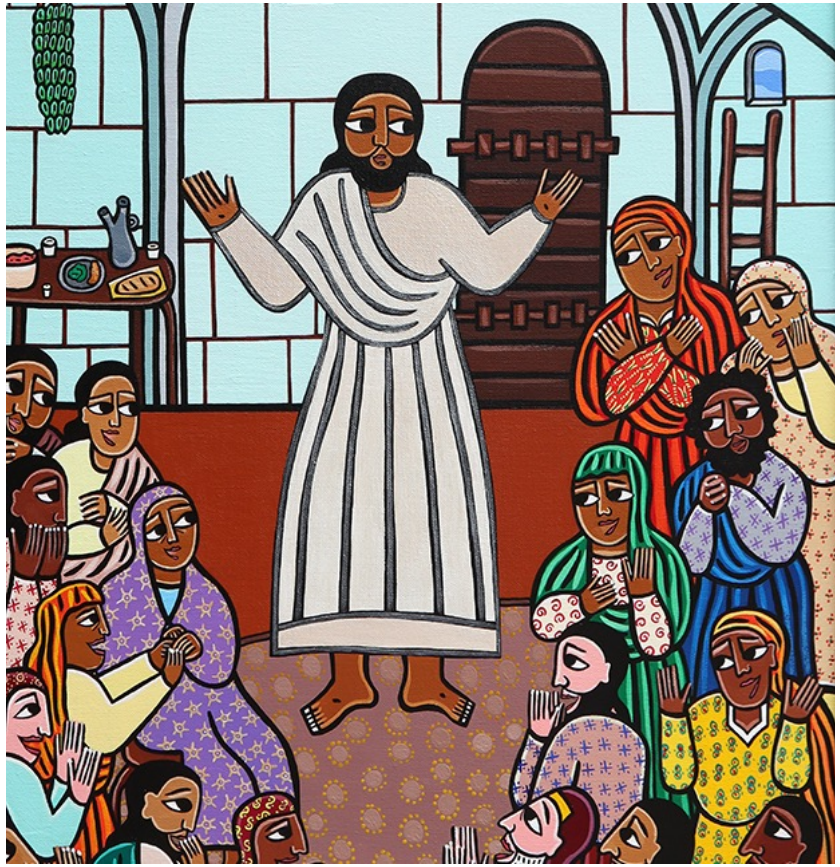
Baptism – communitarian identity as the People of God

Saved as a people – (emphasis not on individuals)

Church is sacrament of relationships, communion, not individualistic understanding of happiness and salvation

Shared meaning of synodality (para. 5 - 9)

- Ancient practice
- Begins with listening
  - Gospel
  - Holy Spirit
  - One another
  - Living tradition
  - Magisterium
- Should be ordinary way of being church
- "Synodality in no way entails the devaluation of the particular authority …that Christ entrusts to the pastors…but offers most appropriate interpretative framework (para.8)"
  - appeases those fearful of losing authority yet challenges them.



Unity, Diversity (para. 10 - 11)

- Synodality
  - rooted in Eucharist and Eucharistic liturgy
    - (why it is so important to expand the lectionary, open preaching to women, open ordained ministry to women)
  - Rooted in communion of the faithful, churches, bishops (Petrine ministry is emphazied)
  - Rooted in diversity
    - Mission manifests in particular time and place
    - Need to appreciate context, culture and diversity – key to missionary synodal church

Charisms and vocations (para. 12)

- The Holy Spirit awakens us
  - Discern them
  - Broaden, deepen participation
  - Exercise co-responsibility of baptized
    - Renew transmission of faith
    - Renew liturgical and sacramental life – starting with liturgical celebrations
    - Transform sorrow of non-participation (This weakness in reciprocity, participation, and communion remains an obstacle to the full renewal of the Church in a missionary synodal sense.”

Sisters and Brothers in Christ: A Renewed Reciprocity (para. 13-15)

- First difference is between women and men (duality is still the starting point)
- "We need fuller recognitionof charisms, vocation, role of women."
- 3 theological reference points
  - Participation is rooted in baptism
  - We must call out gifts from the Spirit
  - Respect diverse vocations – complementary, co-responsible

Sisters and Brothers in Christ: A Renewed Reciprocity (para. 13-15)

Guiding Scripture

"God chose women as the first witnesses and heralds of the Resurrection. By virtue of Baptism, they enjoy full equality, receive the same outpouring of gifts from the Spirit, and are called to the service of Christ's mission."

Sisters and Brothers in Christ: A Renewed Reciprocity (para. 13-15)

- First change is that of mentality – a conversion to the vision of relationality, interdependence and reciprocity between women and men for mission.
- "The communion, participation, and mission of the Church suffer the consequences of a failure to transform relationships and structures." (para. 14)

Sisters and Brothers in Christ: A Renewed Reciprocity (para. 13-15)

- The bishops say that the second session should promote awareness and encourage the full use of what is already available for women's participation (para. 15).
- They also call for exploration of ministerial and other pastoral modalities for women.

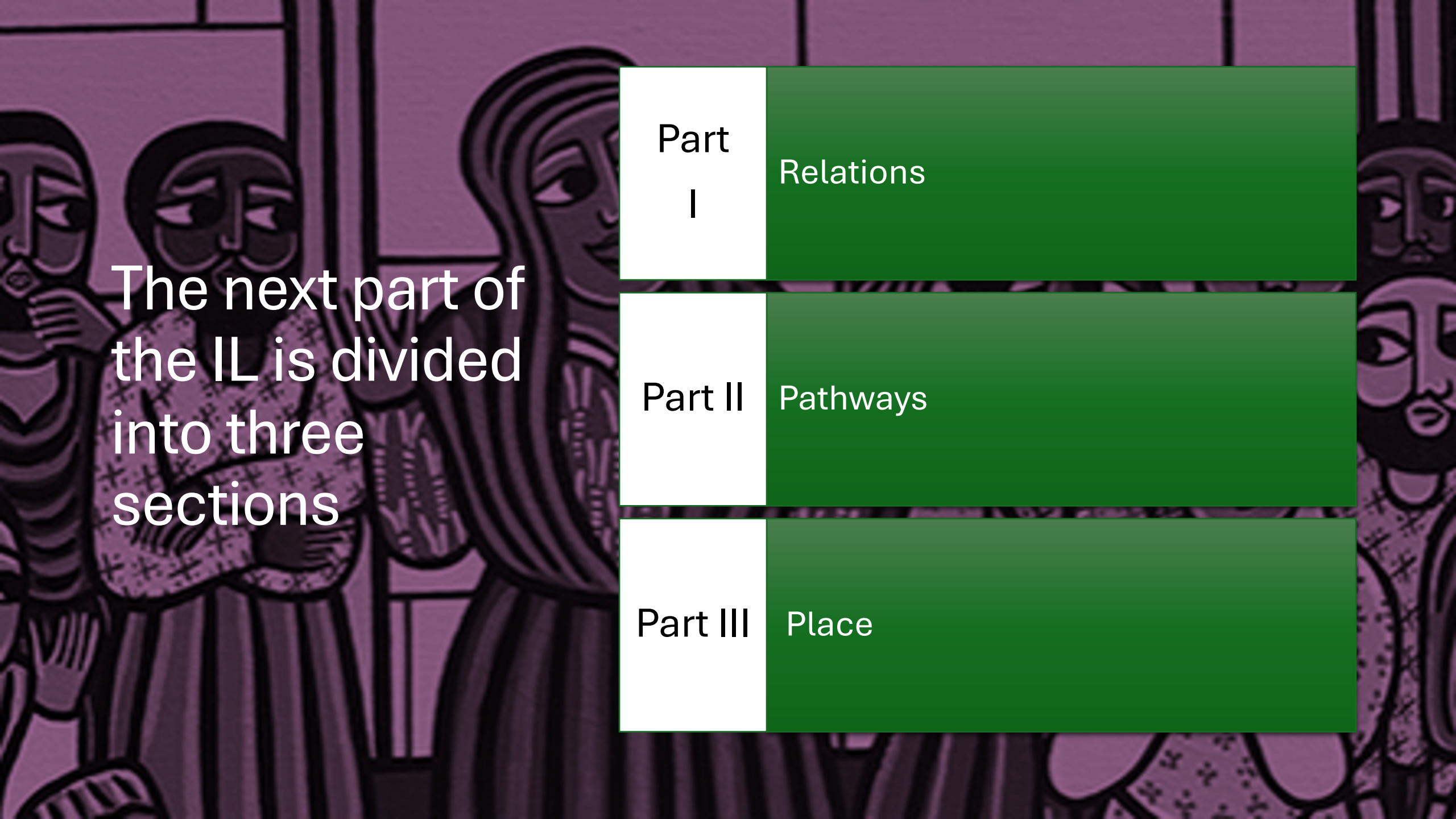


Sisters and Brothers in Christ: A Renewed Reciprocity (para. 13-18)

- Concrete requests
  - Promotion of dialogue so women can share experiences, charisms, skills, spiritual, theological, pastoral insights
  - Wider participation of women in processes of ecclesial discernment and decision making
  - Wider access to positions of responsibility in dioceses and ecclesiastical institutions
  - Greater recognition and support for consecrated women
  - Access to position of responsibility in seminaries, institutes, theological faculties
  - Increase in number of women judges in canonical processes
  - Greater attention to use of language that is more inclusive and to a range of images from Scripture and Tradition in preaching, teaching, catechesis and the drafting of official Church documents.

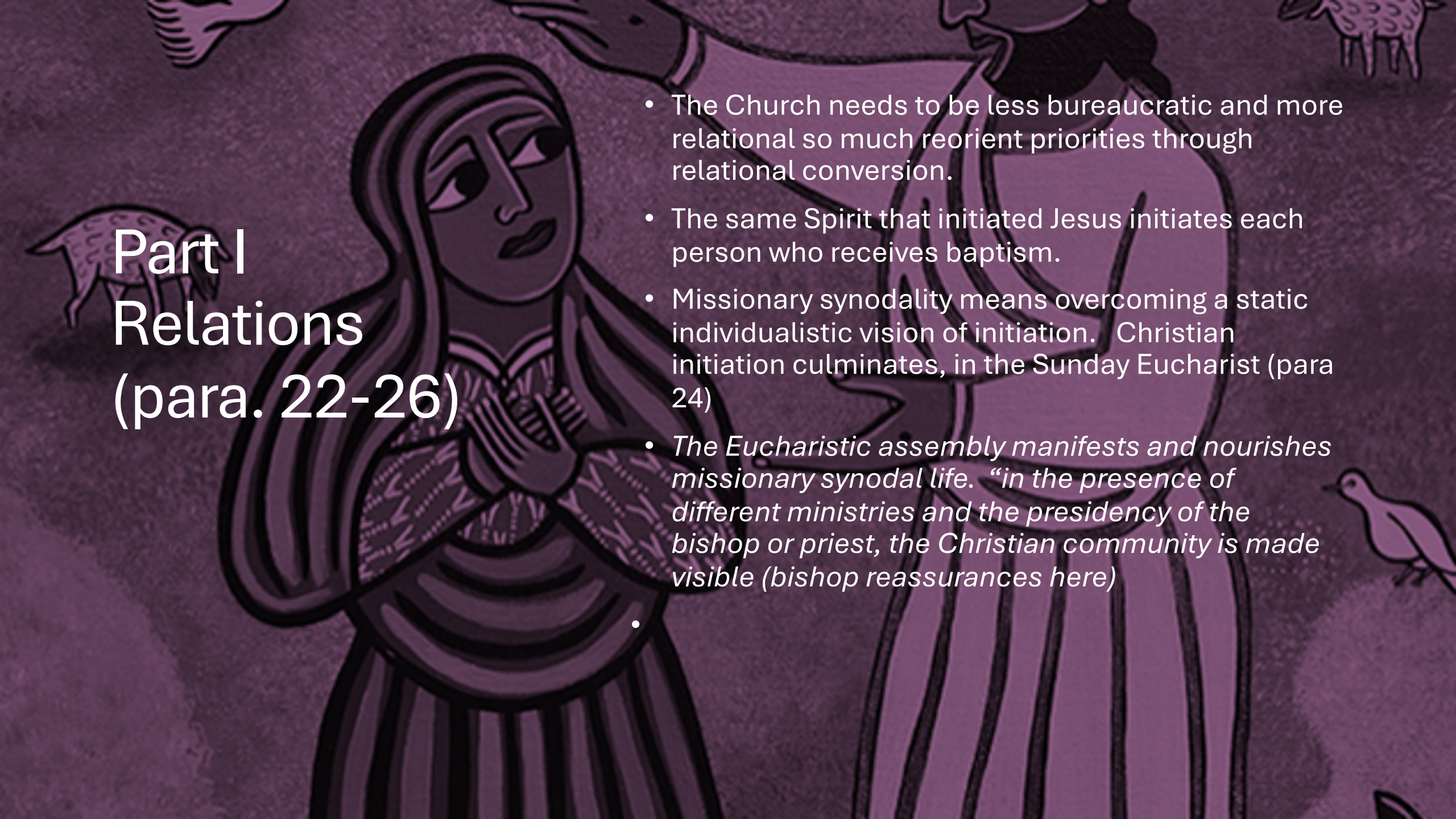
A Call to Conversion and Reform (para. 19-21)

- The first conversion is to listening
- We need synodality in a world marked by inequality, disillusionment, shrinking democracies, dominance of market economies.
- Synodality means healing, reconciliation, restoration of trust within the Church and society.



The next part of the IL is divided into three sections

Part I	Relations
Part II	Pathways
Part III	Place



Part I Relations (para. 22-26)

- The Church needs to be less bureaucratic and more relational so much reorient priorities through relational conversion.
- The same Spirit that initiated Jesus initiates each person who receives baptism.
- Missionary synodality means overcoming a static individualistic vision of initiation. Christian initiation culminates, in the Sunday Eucharist (para 24)
- *The Eucharistic assembly manifests and nourishes missionary synodal life. "in the presence of different ministries and the presidency of the bishop or priest, the Christian community is made visible (bishop reassurances here)*
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Part I Relations Charisms and ministries (para. 27 – 34)

- Charisms depend on
  - God's action
  - God's call (vocation)
  - Acceptance by baptized
  - Recognition and accompaniment of authority (p 28). (Hedging any runaway change)



Charisms and ministries

Part I - Relations

- There is a distinction between baptismal ministries and ordained ministries (para.29)
  - Explore how more ministries can be entrusted to the baptized
  - Renewed instituted ministries conferred by bishop

❖ Lectors, Acolyte (Spiritus Domini, Jan 2021)

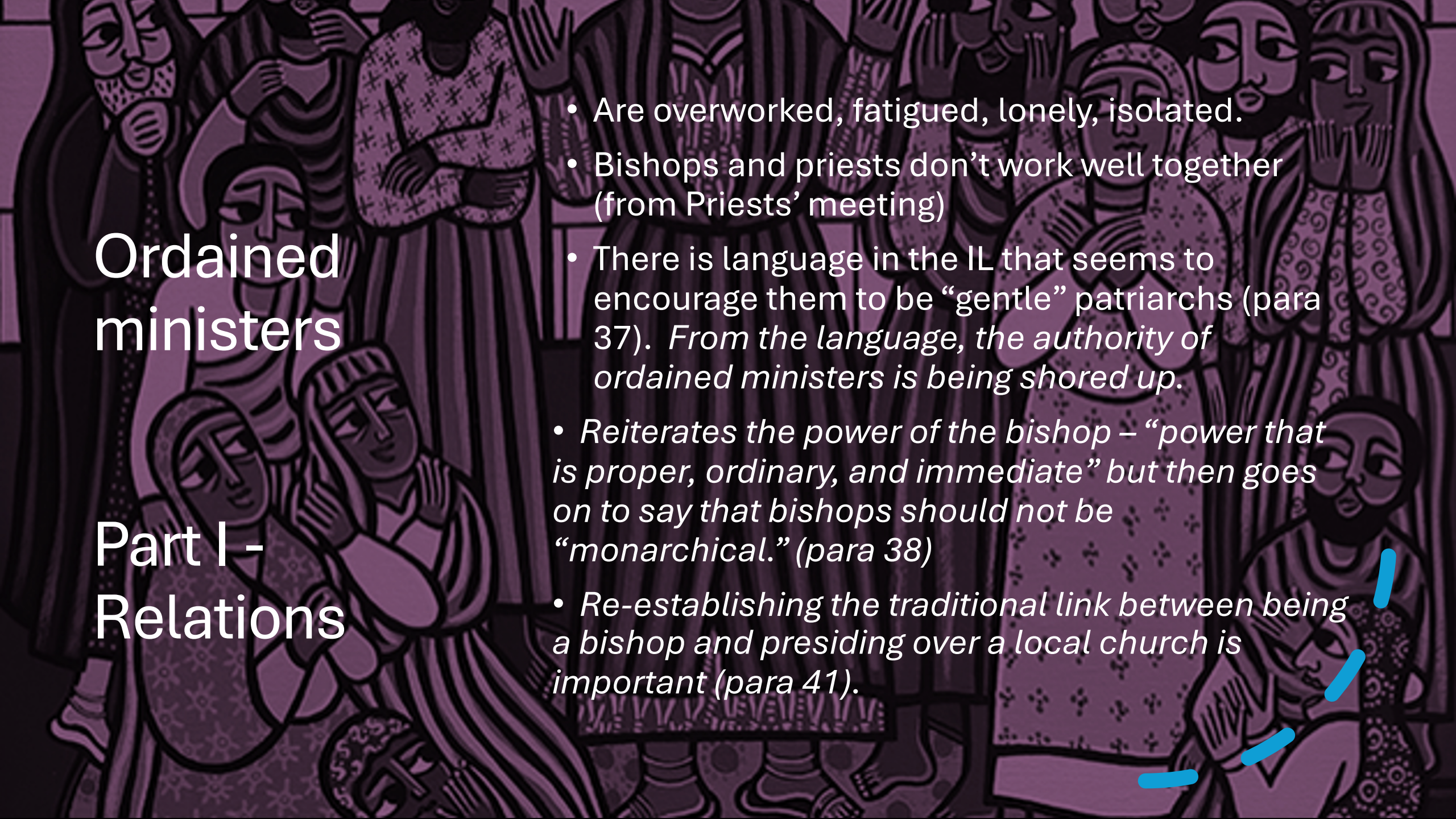
❖ Catechists (Antiquum ministerium May 2021)



Charisms and ministries

Part I - Relations

- Local Churches
  - Discern needs, charisms, ministries.
- “Second Vatican Council teaches that it is the task of pastors “to acknowledge their [the faithful’s] ministries and charisms, so that all may cooperate unanimously (LG 30).”
  - The bishop is obliged to listen (para. 31)
  - Procedures suitable to different contexts must be identified – making it possible to obtain true consensus. (Parish priests emphasized this point).
  - But, synodality calls for growing in a deeper trust of the action of the Holy Spirit, growing in courage and creativity “under the guidance of their pastors”
  - *This section expresses the tension between trying to move with the Spirit and trying to convince ordained members of the need.*



Ordained ministers

Part I - Relations

- Are overworked, fatigued, lonely, isolated.
- Bishops and priests don't work well together (from Priests' meeting)
- There is language in the IL that seems to encourage them to be "gentle" patriarchs (para 37). *From the language, the authority of ordained ministers is being shored up.*
- *Reiterates the power of the bishop – "power that is proper, ordinary, and immediate" but then goes on to say that bishops should not be "monarchical." (para 38)*
- *Re-establishing the traditional link between being a bishop and presiding over a local church is important (para 41).*



Part II
Pathways

- Focus
- Formation
- Discernment
- Decision making
- Transparency, accountability, evaluation

Formation

Part II Pathways

Prioritize formation on

- How God acted in history
- Listening
- Witnessing
- Encounter and accompaniement

Need guidelines

Needs to be communal

Women need to teach

- At seminaries, theological faculties, institutes.

Ecclesial discernment

Part II Pathways

Sensus Fidei –central (para. 58)

Cultivate openness to Spirit

Broad participation in processes of discernment

Starting point – Scripture, also tradition, the Church, natural world, human, social science, conscience

Communal discernment is a demanding practice

Decision making

Part II Pathways

In Canon law there is an obligation for consultation, but it is not binding. Canon law must be adapted to change this. (para. 70)

Without tangible changes, the vision of a synodal Church will not be credible. This will alienate those members of the People of God who have drawn strength and hope from the synodal journey (para. 71).

There must be effective participation of women in drafting and decision making (para. 71).

Those involved must have access to all pertinent information - transparency is essential (para 72.)

Transparency

Part II Pathways

Local churches need to guarantee

Accountability

A Council of Economic Affairs

Effective involvement of People of God

Pastoral and economic planning

Annual financial statement certified by external auditors

Annual Statement that includes effectiveness of safeguarding children, promoting women, etc.

Part III

Places

This section deals with the movement from a very hierarchical, universal model of church to one that is embedded in place, culture, history, context…

”in the context of a rapidly changing conception of space, constricting the Church's action within purely spatial boundaries would imprison it in a fatal immobilism …rendering it incapable of reaching the most dynamic parts of the population, especially the young.” (intro)

Pluralism of cultures is an expression of catholicity, not a threat.

Place can no longer be understood in purely geographical. (Mobility, digital world, etc.)

Paragraph 88 – reinforces hierarchal ordering of Church. “Reform of ecclesial institutions cannot but follow this ordered articulation of the Church.”

And the last section lays out the tensions between unity under the Pope and the necessary decentralization that is flowing from and to episcopal conferences. Authority is given more lavishly to bishops to resolve.

Canonical norms can be a place a synodal discernment

Curia must be transparent and subject to evaluation of their work



Poetic conclusion

Everything in this world is connected and marked by a restless longing for the other.

Mandate of the 10 study groups

- Issues that were reached by consensus (90%) that require to be dealt with at the level of the whole Church and in collaboration with the Dicasteries of the Roman Curia.
- This indepth study needs to be carried out in an authentically synodal manner…listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit …who disrupts our predictions and expections to create something new…(para 2).



10 Study groups

1. Some aspects of the relationship between the Eastern Catholic Churches and the Latin Church. (SR 6)

2. Listening to the Cry of the Poor (SR 4 and 16)

3. The mission in the digital environment. (SR 17)

4. The revision of the Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis in a missionary synodal perspective. (SR 11)

5. Some theological and canonical matters regarding specific ministerial forms. (SR 8 and 9)

6. The revision, in a synodal missionary perspective, of the documents touching on the relationship between Bishops, consecrated life, and ecclesial associations. (SR 10)

7. Some aspects of the person and ministry of the Bishop (criteria for selecting candidates to Episcopacy, judicial function of the Bishops, nature and course of ad limina Apostolorum visits) from a missionary synodal perspective. (SR 12 and 13)

8. The role of Papal Representatives in a missionary synodal perspective. (SR 13)

9. Theological criteria and synodal methodologies for shared discernment of controversial doctrinal, pastoral, and ethical issues. (SR 15)

10. The reception of the fruits of the ecumenical journey in ecclesial practices. (SR 7)



Study Group # 1: Some aspects of relations between Eastern Catholic Churches and the Latin Church (summary report 6)

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4. Archbishop Cyril VASIL’, SI, archbishop of Kosice for Catholics of the Byzantine Rite (SLOVENIA)

5. Archbishop Boghos Levon ZEKIYAN, archbishop of Istanbul, Constantinople, of the Armenians (TURKEY)

6. Archbishop Borys GUDZIAK, archbishop of Philadelphia of the Ukrainians (U.S.A.)

7. Archbishop Michel JALAKH, OAM, secretary of the Dicastery for the Oriental Churches

8. Bishop Joseph SRAMPICKAL, bishop of the Eparchy of Great Britain of the Syro-Malabars (GREAT BRITAIN)

9. Bishop Flaviano Rami AL-KABALAN, apostolic visitor for the Syrian Catholic Faithful residing in Europe and procurator of the Syrian Catholic Church in Rome (ITALY)

10. Father Filippo CIAMPANELLI, undersecretary of the Dicastery for the Oriental Churches

11. Father John D. FARIS, corepiscop of the Maronite Church (LEBANON)

12. Father Daniel GALADZA, official of the Dicastery for the Oriental Churches

13. Dr. Daoud Boutros TAYEH, secretary-general of the Pastoral Council of the Maronite Eparchy of Jounieh (LEBANON).

Study Group # 2: Listening to the cry of the poor (summary report 4 and 16)

- Dr. Sandie CORNISH, professor of Social Doctrine of the Church in the Australian Catholic University in North Sydney (AUSTRALIA), member of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, coordinator
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- **Sister Maria CIMPERMAN, RSCJ**, professor of Theological Ethics and Consecrated Life in the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, U.S.A.
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- Dr. Mauricio LÓPEZ OROPEZA, vice president of the Amazon Ecclesial Conference
- **Dr. Leocadie LUSHOMBO**, professor of theological ethics in the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, U.S.A.
- **Professor Agnes BRAZAL**, professor of theology in De La Salle University in Manila (PHILIPPINES)

Study Group # 3: Mission in the digital environment (summary report 17)

- **Dr. Kim DANIELS**, director of Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life in Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. (U.S.A.), coordinator
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- Dr. Paolo RUFFINI, prefect of the Dicastery for Communication
- **Bishop Paul Desmond TIGHE**, secretary of the Dicastery for Culture and Education
- Father Lucio Adrián RUIZ, secretary of the Dicastery for Communication
- **Father Antonino SPADARO**, SI, undersecretary of the Dicastery f o r Culture and Education
- **Sister Nathalie BECQUART**, Xavière, undersecretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod
- Father Joseph BORG, professor of media and communications in the University of Malta (MALTA)

Study Group # 4: The revision of the *Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis in a* missionary synodal perspective (summary report 11)

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- **Cardinal Jean-Claude HOLLERICH, SI**, archbishop of Luxembourg (LUXEMBOURG), general rapporteur of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops
- Cardinal Lazarus HEUNG-SIK, prefect of the Dicastery for the Clergy
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- Father Hubertus BLAUMEISER, director of the magazine Ekklesía and member of the Study Center of the Focolare Movement (ITALY), consultor of the Dicastery for the Clergy
- Father Andrew RECEPCIÓN, spiritual director of the Pontifical Philippine College in Rome (ITALY)
- Father Guy BOGNON, PSS, secretary-general of the Pontifical Missionary Work of St. Peter the Apostle
- **Dr. María Lia ZERVINO** of the Servidora Association, council member of the *Laudato Si'* Movement, consultant to the Dicastery for Bishops and the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue

Study Group # 5: Some theological and canonical issues around specific ministerial forms (summary report 8 and 9)

- The in-depth study of the issues at hand — particularly the question of the necessary participation of women in the life and leadership of the Church — has been entrusted to the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith,
- Coordinator: Secretary for the Doctrinal Section, Monsignor Armando MATTEO, and in dialogue with the Secretariat General of the Synod.
- The dicastery has initiated its study according to the procedures established in its own Rules of Procedure, with a view to the publication of an appropriate document.



Study Group 5

Some theological and canonical matters regarding specific ministerial forms. (SR 8 and 9)

- Research on relationships between different forms of ecclesial ministry
- ecclesial roles those that require ordination and those that do not
- The role of women, decision-making, leadership
- “It is in this context that the question of women’s possible access to the diaconate can be properly posed: to this Group is entrusted the task to continue “theological and pastoral research on the access of women to the diaconate…”
- “The Group will aim to respond to the synodal assembly’s desire for “greater recognition and appreciation of the contribution of women and a growth of pastoral responsibility entrusted to them…”



Synod office, Doctrine of the Faith oversee

The Vatican synod agenda calls for transparency. But on women deacons, it's lacking.

VATICAN / VATICAN NEWS



Study Group # 6: The revision, from a synodal and missionary perspective, of documents governing relations between bishops, consecrated life, Church aggregations (summary report 10)

- **Cardinal Joseph William TOBIN**, CSR, archbishop of Newark (U.S.A.), coordinator
- **Cardinal Luis Antonio G. TAGLE**, pro-prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization (Section for First Evangelization and New Particular Churches)
- **Cardinal João BRAZ DE AVIZ**, prefect of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life
- Cardinal Kevin Joseph FARRELL, prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life
- Cardinal Robert Francis PREVOST, OSA, prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops
- **Sister Simona BRAMBILLA**, MC, secretary of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life
- Archbishop Luis MARÍN DE SAN MARTÍN, OSA, undersecretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod
- Dr. Linda GHISONI, undersecretary of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family, and Life

Study Group # 7: Some aspects of the figure and ministry of the bishop (particularly: criteria for the selection of candidates for the episcopate, judicial function of the bishop, nature and conduct of ad limina Apostolorum visits) in a missionary synodal perspective (summary report 12 and 13)

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- **Father Giacomo COSTA, SI**, president of the “San Fedele Cultural Foundation” in Milan (ITALY), Special Secretary of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops
- Sister Hermenegild MAKORO, CPS, former secretary-general of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Southern Africa (SOUTH AFRICA)
- **Dr. Karlijn DEMASURE**, head of the Centre for Safeguarding Minors and Vulnerable Persons in Saint Paul University in Ottawa (CANADA)
- **Dr. María Lia ZERVINO** of the Servidora Association, council member of the Laudato Si' Movement, consultant to the Dicastery for Bishops and the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue

SUB group of # 7
Subgroup in charge of deepening the topic of the bishop's judicial function

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5 additional study groups

That have been set up under the Synod office to look at the five areas of synodality

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Mary McAleese

- “Pope Francis did not open up a path by which reform issues in the future may be discussed and ultimately changed. Quite the reverse. His Synod on Synodality was designed, as is now clear and was feared from the start, to shut down the path long since opened up by the People of God who had since the Second Vatican Council been using a new-found right and responsibility to discuss, critique and dismiss contentious magisterial teaching particularly on gender, equality, human sexuality, human reproduction, governance, authority and obedience.”

- https://thetablet.co.uk/news/19185/mary-mcaleese-warns-that-the-winds-of-change-have-died-in-the-synod-on-synodality#google_vignette

Reflection

- How do you feel about the synod process thus far?
- Where do you find disappointment?
- Where do you find hope?



Advocacy

- Follow up on letters sent to synod participants
- Contact your local priest or bishop and ask how synodality will be implemented in your parish or diocese
- Conduct a study group on synodality in your parish or community

All the forms you will need are located here:

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