



POST-SYNOD MEETING

The Synod continues in our local Churches: CA and IFCA's commitment

Monday 2 December 2024
4 p.m. - 5 p.m. CEST

Questions from the countries

CA ALBANIA

First question from Albania - Vasllika: How to live or be a significant group in the pastoral synodal journey of the parish reality ? two other questions will come from Romania and the Philippines.

CA SENEGAL

Second question from Senegal Jean - Jacques FALL : Generally, after each synod convoked by the Pope, he writes and publishes a post-synodal apostolic exhortation. However, for this synod, the Pope says he is sending the final document as is to the local churches and people of good will.

Why this decision?

All parts of the final document are guided by the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

What inspired the synod fathers to take such a decision?

Jean - Jacques 2 note on Synod and Church in Senegal

Concerning synodality in the Church of Senegal, in addition to the synodal school created by Sister Anne Béatrice of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, synodality is learnt in our churches. As proof of this, at the consecration of the new bishop of Ziguinchor, the bishop returned to it at length, requesting the new pastor to ensure the communion, participation and mission of all the people of God in Ziguinchor. In each diocese, each pastor tries to encourage his faithful to walk together for more trustworthy dioceses.

CA PARAGUAY

Third question Andy Larrea: Question: There is still work to be done at all levels of the Church; the (often) undue concentration of power that leads to authoritarianism. What can the laity do when there is almost no openness to dialogue and that even today, these stories of authoritarianism persist because of structures that lend themselves to these abuses? In most cases, the lay person is not listened to.

Comment: In Paraguay, the synod brought to the table common issues which are not an important part of national politics, but which are discussed by ordinary citizens. For example, the unrestricted exploitation of the common home, education in crisis, authoritarianism, and the a...

LAIKO FILPINAS Fourth question Albert Loteyro

the structure of the Decision-Making Process, particularly on page 32 of the Final Document: Transparency, Accountability and Evaluation.

As Catholic Action, doing diverse ministries in our local church, how can we implement this process in our communities without reservations?

This is a crucial component that should be part of the formation of our respective members in our community to practice transparency, accountability and evaluation to preserve our credibility in our ministry.

Finally, how do we explore the use of evaluation to learn from our experiences and develop action plans to improve our ministry?

CA Romania:

Codruta Fernea

The Instrumentum Laboris states that ‘without tangible changes, the vision of a synodal Church will not be credible’. How could the three aspects proposed by the Synod - participation, communion and mission - be developed and put into practice in our local Churches, which are quite diverse from one another?