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In view of the upcoming Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the theme: "Amazonia: new paths for the Church and for an integral ecology", scheduled for the month of October, the General Secretariat of the Synod is organizing a study seminar.

The theme of the meeting, which will take place from 25 to 27 February at the M.S. Bambina Institute, is "Towards the Special Synod for Amazonia: regional and universal dimension".

On the first day some ecclesial and pastoral aspects will be studied in the light of the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium*; on the second day, issues connected to the promotion of integral ecology will be considered from the perspective of *Laudato si'*; and on the final day, there will be a summary of the prospects that have emerged and a communication on the pathway of preparation for the Synod.

The seminar will be attended by the presidents of the Episcopal Conferences of the Pan-Amazon area, and some other prelates and experts from Amazonia and other geographical zones. In this way it will be possible, among other things, to cast light on the relationship between the particular Amazonian ecclesial or environmental situation and other similar territorial contexts.

We also inform readers that the site www.sinodoamazonico.va is dedicated to the Special Assembly for the Pan-Amazon Region.