



## SECRETARIA GENERALIS SYNODI

Press Release

### Jubilee of the Synodal Teams and Participatory Bodies

*A time of prayer, sharing, and discernment*

(Vatican City, 22 October 2025) - From 24 to 26 October 2025, the Jubilee of the Synodal Teams and Participatory Bodies will take place. This event marks a significant moment in the implementation phase of the orientations that emerged in the *Final Document* of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. This event brings together around 2,000 members of synodal teams and participatory bodies (presbyteral councils, pastoral councils, finance councils, etc.) at the diocesan/eparchial, national and/or Church grouping levels from around the world.

The Jubilee represents the first collective moment of the implementation phase, aimed at translating the orientations of the *Final Document* into pastoral and structural choices consistent with the synodal nature of the Church. At the same time, the event seeks to acknowledge the valuable service carried out by these bodies and by the people who serve in them, situating the building of a more synodal Church within the horizon of the Jubilee's hope.

### PROGRAMME

#### FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER

3:00 p.m. – **Opening Session** (Live streamed on Vatican News and the channels of the General Secretariat of the Synod)

Speakers:

- Card. Grzegorz RYŚ, Archbishop of Łódź (Poland): *Synodality in the face of tensions within the Church*
- Rev. Prof. Miguel DE SALIS AMARAL, Professor at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross: *The conversion of relationships*
- Dr. Mariana Aparecida VENÂNCIO, Member of the synodal team of the Episcopal Conference of Brazil: *Synodality as Social Prophecy*

#### 5.00pm – **Encounter-Dialogue with Pope Leo XIV**

Representatives from seven geographical areas will present a report on the challenges and changes introduced to implement synodality in their territories, followed by a question to the Holy Father. The session will also feature a musical contribution by **Fr. Cristóbal Fones S.J.**, *Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network*.

#### SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

#### 8:00 a.m. – **Pilgrimage and passage through the Holy Door**

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. – **Conversation in the Spirit** More than 100 small language groups will share their experiences through the Conversation in the Spirit method.

Late morning and early afternoon – **Workshops and Seminars** 25 language-based workshops and 6 thematic seminars on the missionary and synodal conversion of the Church.

5:00–6:30 p.m. – **Final Session** (Live streamed) Sharing of synodal experiences and best practices, hosted by Enrico Selleri (TV2000) and Paola Arriaza (EWTN), with musical performances by the group **ScalaMusic**.

9:00 p.m. – **Marian Vigil in St. Peter’s Square** A time of prayer open to all pilgrims present in Rome.

## **SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER**

10:00 a.m. – **Holy Mass presided by Pope Leo XIV** St. Peter’s Basilica – Closing Celebration of the Jubilee

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Following this, from the afternoon of Sunday, 26 October through Monday, 27 October, the Ordinary Council of the General Secretariat of the Synod will meet.

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## **MEDIA INFORMATION**

### **Access for journalists**

Journalists and media operators wishing to participate must submit a request at least 48 hours before the event through the online accreditation system of the Holy See Press Office at:

*press.vatican.va/accreditamenti*

Accredited journalists of the Holy See Press Office may attend the following sessions:

- **Friday 24 October**, 3:00-6:30pm (Opening Session and meeting with Pope Leo XIV)
- **Saturday 25 October**, 5:00-6:30pm (Final Session)

**Note:** Interviews with participants are permitted only during breaks and in the entrance hall of the Paul VI Hall.

### **Live streaming**

Common sessions will be broadcast live on the channels of **Vatican News** and the **General Secretariat of the Synod**.

### **Further information**

The complete program and details on the workshops are available at: [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va)