

The Exercise of the Primacy and the Synod of Bishops

"Responding to the question 'How to be a synodal Church in mission' also requires revisiting the dynamic that unites synodality, collegiality, and primacy" (Instrumentum laboris 2024, § 100).

The topic has evident ecumenical implications, highlighted in the study on the Bishop of Rome published last June by the Dicastery for the Unity of Christians.

The Forum will allow for deeper exploration of certain aspects of the relationship between the authority of the Bishop of Rome, "the perpetual and visible principle and foundation of unity both of the bishops and of the multitude of the faithful" (Lumen Gentium 23), and the Synod of Bishops, an institution established by Saint Paul VI in 1965 that has undergone various configurations, culminating in the current Ordinary General Assembly.



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Catherine E. Clifford, STL, PhD, is Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada. Her teaching, research, and publications focus in the areas of ecclesiology, ecumenism, and the history of the Second Vatican Council. She is Co-Editor of Vatican II at 60: Re-Energizing the Renewal, with Stephen Lampe (2024), and of The Oxford Handbook on Vatican II, with Massimo Faggioli (2023), and co-author, with Richard R. Gaillardetz, of Keys to the Council: Unlocking the Teaching of Vatican II (2012). She is a member of the Methodist-Roman Catholic International Commission and serves as Vice President of the Catholic Theological Society of America. She is a North American delegate to the XVI General Assembly of the Synod.

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Born in EDOLO (Italy) in 1956, he is a priest of the suburbicarian diocese of Velletri-Segni. He is Professor of Dogmatic Theology in the Faculty of Theology of the Pontifical Gregorian University, Chair of Ecclesiology (since 2000); Consultant of the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops and several Dicasteries of the Roman Curia. His publications - works, contributions, articles are mainly of an ecclesiological nature (with a focus on Vatican II, the *sensus fidei*, synodality, ministries and ordained ministry).

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