

People of God *as Subject of the Mission*

Paragraph 3 of the Instrumentum laboris 2024 states, " The People of God is never simply the sum of the baptised; rather, it is the 'we' of the Church, the communitarian and historical subject of synodality and mission "

The speakers and participants in the Forum will engage with this statement from various perspectives. The underlying question is: What does it mean that the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed—"the mission"—is entrusted to "a people"?



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