

# The Role and Authority of the Bishop *in a Synodal Church*

Paragraph 38 of the Instrumentum laboris 2024 is explicitly dedicated to the Bishop, who "The bishop has the task of presiding over a Church, being a visible principle of unity within it and a bond of communion with all the Churches "

Where is this specific task grounded? How should the relationships between the Bishop, priests, and deacons be understood and lived in a missionary synodal Church? Why does the Instrumentum laboris 2024 state: "It seems important to Re-establish the traditional link between being a bishop and presiding over a local Church is important, restoring the correspondence between the communion of bishops (communio episcoporum) and the communion of Churches (communio Ecclesiarum) ? " (§ 41)



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