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THEOLOGY RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE OF SYNODALITY

27-29 April 2023
International Conference

PONTIFICAL GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY – ROME
Matteo Ricci Conference Centre

PROGRAMME

Thursday 27 April

8:00 a.m.

Holy Mass

Presided by **H. Em. R. Card. Mario GRECH**
General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops (Vatican City State)

VISIONS AND EXPERIENCES

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Morning Session – *Visions*

Opening Greetings

Rev. Fr Mark Andrew LEWIS, SJ
Rector, Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome – Italy)

Synodality, a Challenge for Theology

H. Em. R. Card. Mario GRECH
General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops (Vatican City State)

Imagining a Synodal Theology. A Path of Conversion

Rev. Fr Christoph THEOBALD, SJ
Centre Sèvres (Paris – France)

When Does Synodality Question the Locus of Theological Discourse?

Rev. Prof. Dr Sr Anne-Béatrice FAYE
Al Mowafaqa Institute of Ecumenical Theologyin (Rabat –Marocco)

Asian Pluriverse: Multiple Paths Toward Synodal Harmony

Rev. Fr Andrew RECEPCION, D. MISS
Pontificio Collegio Filippino (Rome – Italy)

Questions & Answers with the Audience



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Presentation of Papers

h. 3:00 p.m. – 7:10 p.m. Afternoon Session – Experiences

*Episcopal Collegiality, Synodal Collegiality, and Synodal Ecclesiality.
A Pathway for In-depth Study of the Reception of the Second Vatican Council
in Latin America*

Prof. Dr Rafael LUCIANI
Boston College (Brighton - USA)

Taking Counsel and Deciding Together: The Synodal Way in Germany

Prof. Dr Thomas SÖDING
Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Bochum – Germany)

*The Synod that Wasn't a Synod: Being Synodal Throughout the Course
of a Plenary Council*

Most Rev. Peter A. COMENSOLI
Archbishop of Melbourne (Melbourne – Australia)

*Synodality, Signs of the Times, and Spiritual Discernment. A Theological
Reflection at the Service of the "Church on the Move"*

Prof. Dr Margit ECKHOLT
Universität Osnabrück (Osnabrück – Germany)

A Theological-Canonical Rereading of Experiences (Limits, Risks...)

Rev. Mons. Markus GRAULICH, S.D.B.
Under-Secretary of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts
(Vatican City State)

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Archbishop of Turin (Turin – Italy)

THE CALL FOR THEOLOGY TO BE SYNODAL

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Morning Session**

*Transformations of Theology Parting from the Synodal
Dimensions of “Communion”, “Participation”, and “Mission”*

Opening Greetings

Rev. Fr Philipp Gabriel RENCZES, SJ

Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Pontifical Gregorian University
(Rome – Italy)

Synodality Enabling Communio: Challenges for and in Canon Law

Prof. Dr Myriam WIJLENS

Universität Erfurt (Erfurt – Germany)

*Participation in God, in the Church, in the World: Reimagining Theology
in a Synodal Church*

Rev. Prof. Dr Don Ormond RUSH

Australian Catholic University (Victoria – Australia)

*The Gift and the Church: Rethinking Theology in the Horizon
of Synodality*

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Friday 28 April

Presentation of Papers

3:00 p.m. – 6:10 p.m. **Afternoon Session**

Synodality in the Horizon of Contemporary Theological Reflection

*Laudato Sì and Synodality: A Reading Through the Eyes of
an Eastern Church*

Rev. Prof. Dr Cyril HOVORUN

Enskilda Högskolan Stockholm (Bromma – Sweden)

A Synodal Theology in the Light of Amoris Laetitia

Rev. Prof. Dr Don Aristide FUMAGALLI

Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Settentrionale (Milan – Italy)

*Interdisciplinary Migration Research as a Contribution to the
Development of a Synodal Theology. A Challenge for Theology at State
Universities in German-Speaking Countries*

Prof. Dr Regina POLAK

Universität Wien (Vienna – Austria)

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Saturday 29 April

8:00 a.m.

Holy Mass

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THE SEARCH FOR A SYNODAL METHOD IN THEOLOGY

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Morning Session

Opening Greetings

Rev. Fr Amaury BEGASSE DE DHAEM, SJ
Director, Department of Dogmatic Theology,
Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome – Italy)

Synodality and the Social Dimensions of Theological Methodology

Prof. Dr Michael SEEWALD
Universität Münster (Münster – Germany)

Synodal Exercise of Theology and a New Episteme of Sciences

Rev. Prof. Dr Don Piero CODA
Istituto Universitario Sophia (Florence – Italy)

Synodality from the History of Doctrines

Rev. Prof. Dr Don Dario VITALI
Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome – Italy)

Synodality in Ecumenical Dialogue

Prof. Dr André BIRMELE
Université de Strasbourg (Strasbourg – France)

Cultivating a Synodal Disposition in Theological Education

Prof. Dr Randall S. ROSENBERG
Saint Louis University (Saint Louis – USA)

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Conference Conclusions



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