



APORTES PARA EL SINODO

RELATIONS

Points particularly valid and worthy of inclusion in the Final Document

- the wide range of baptismal ministries mentioned (n. 29)
- the emphasis on the role of local churches and their groupings in creative discernment to recognise, entrust or establish ministries to meet pastoral and societal needs (n. 32)
- the witness that the Church can give to a world torn by wars and immersed in a mercantile culture if it succeeds in showing the possibility of living together in differences and developing relationships based on gratuitousness (n. 42 and 44)
- the call for greater shared witness on social issues of global relevance (n. 46)

Points that need to be discussed, deepened, corrected

- the absence of a reflection on liturgy and Eucharist, despite the fact that the Synthesis Report of 2023 affirmed, among other things, that ‘the communion celebrated in the Eucharist and that flows from it configures and orients the paths of synodality’ (n. 3e), that ‘from the Eucharist we learn to articulate unity and diversity’ (n. 3f) and that ‘the mission of the Church is continually renewed and nourished by the celebration of the Eucharist, particularly when it emphasises its communitarian and missionary character’ (n. 8h)
- even the section on priests, when it speaks of the re-comprehension of the ordained ministry within the horizon of the missionary synodal Church (n. 36), does not go beyond emphasising the advantages of a redistribution of tasks that would relieve the presbyter, who is not thought of in a more organic manner ‘in’ the community
- furthermore, just as creative discernment of lay ministries on the basis of pastoral needs has been recognised for the local Churches and their groupings (n. 32), why not also apply the same principle to the possibility of recognising different forms of priestly ministry on the basis of pastoral needs, e.g. ordaining married male presbyters to allow frequent celebration of the Eucharist in Catholic communities that are deprived of it by the absence of celibate clergy?