



APORTES PARA EL SINODO

FUNDAMENTOS, RELACIONES, ITINERARIOS, LUGARES

FOUNDATIONS-RELATIONSHIPS-ROUTES-PLACES

The shared meaning of synodality

From October 2023 to October 2024 many religious congregations in Latin America have had meetings, gatherings and even joint Chapters between religious and lay people who share the same charism. So, talking and reflecting on synodality has become a synodal path, done step by step with different interpretations. These differences have allowed a deep dialogue, questioning because the meaning of synodality has been 'spun fine' from the simple translation of walking together to questioning the way in which we are walking together.

In this threading one can recognize with joy small steps of co-construction of spaces of common dialogue and the frustration of sustaining clerical relationships. I highlight the feelings, because synodality made life allows us to identify feelings before the situations of life in the ecclesial community, to name them and share them in the plenary sessions generating bonds of reciprocity in the care of each person and of the community.

It has been a time of caring dialogues with co-responsible and critical listening and encouraging the word to circulate freely and learning together from this process of learning about synodality by being synodal, this is a way to generate spaces for synodal dialogue. Pope Francis on 7.9.2017 invited to "walk the streets of faith" "to be street people of faith '1, perhaps this is a way of 'walking the streets of synodality'.

Unity as harmony in differences

A real harmony is co-created with opposites, polarities, contrasts, that is, with differences. The construction of an inclusive "we" is possible only by making tensions and/or differences visible in a safe space that allows us to manage, through dialogue, the possible sources of conflict.

Part I - Relationships

With ordained ministers: at the service of harmony

It is necessary to seek ways in which the ordained ministries that are being empowered in the service of harmony and the inclusion of gifts, do not become articulations for an exercise of power over baptized persons. We run the risk that some ordained ministries become deformed as 'closed us' that exclude those who are not ordained or become exclusive because of the requirements to be part of them, this can happen with-among laity, ordained and consecrated.

Part II - Itineraries

An integral and shared formation

Design spaces for experimentation of concrete synodal attitudes: community discernment, shared decision making, management of power relationships. But, articulated to the search for an integral ecology.

The articulation of decision-making processes.

Decision-making processes require dialogue skills and dialogical attitudes that need to be relearned as part of being artisans and architects of peace, as Fratelli Tutti states.

Part III - Places

Territories to travel together

See and listen to the context, to the people and peoples that inhabit these places. In addition, to sharpen the senses to see and listen to the territory, to nature and also to the virtual territory that has its own ecology, because everything is inter-connected, as Laudato Si claims.

2 Do not extinguish the spirit. An initiation to pneumatology. By: Codina, Víctor. Publisher: Santander, Spain: Editorial Sal Terrae, 2008 Edition: 1st. ed. Page 66

1 https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/es/speeches/2017/september/documents/papa-francesco_20170909_viaggioapostolico-colombia-clero.pdf

È un percorso complesso, ma se approfondiamo la proposta di Victor Codina sull'abitare spirituale, questo cammino insieme potrebbe diventare più sereno perché "Siamo abitati dallo Spirito (1 Cor 3, 16; 6,19), lo Spirito abita in noi (R, 9,11), rimane in noi (Gv 14, 16-17); e questo vale sia a livello personale che comunitario. Non è solo presenza, ma inabitazione "2

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