

SATURDAY 29 APRIL

8:00 am *Gregorian University Community Chapel*
Main Building, 2nd floor
Holy Mass
Presided by **Rev. Fr Mark Andrew LEWIS, SJ**
Rector, Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome – Italy)

THE SEARCH FOR A SYNODAL METHOD IN THEOLOGY

9:00 – 1:30 MORNING SESSION

Opening Greetings

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

9:10 **Morning Works Introduction**
Moderator **Rev. Fr James HANVEY, SJ**
Curia Generalizia della Compagnia del Gesù (Rome – Italy)

9:20 *Synodality and the Social Dimensions of
Theological Methodology*
Prof. Michael SEEWALD
Universität Münster (Münster – Germany)

9:55 *Synodal Exercise of Theology and a New
Episteme of Sciences*
Rev. Prof. Piero CODA
Istituto Universitario Sophia (Florence – Italy)

10:30 *Synodality from the History of Doctrines*
Rev. Prof. Dario VITALI
Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome – Italy)

break (20 minutes)

11:25 *Synodality in Ecumenical Dialogue*
Prof. André BIRMELÉ
Université de Strasbourg (Strasbourg – France)

12:00 noon *Cultivating a Synodal Disposition in
Theological Education*
Prof. Randall S. ROSENBERG
Saint Louis University (Saint Louis – USA)

12:35 **Questions & Answers with the Audience**

1:00 **Closing Remarks**
Rev. Fr Philipp Gabriel RENCZES, SJ
Dean of the Faculty of Theology,
Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome – Italy)

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Rev. Prof. Riccardo BATTOCCHIO
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VENUE

Pontifical Gregorian University – Matteo Ricci Conference Centre
Piazza della Pilotta, 4 – 00187 Rome, Italy

PARTICIPATION

Open to the general public

COST

for participation € 40
*with the exception of students and professors of the
Pontifical Gregorian University*

MANDATORY REGISTRATION

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Closing date **Wednesday, 26 April 2023 - h. 12:00 noon**

The synodal process involves the Church in all its vital expressions. The Faculty of Theology of the Pontifical Gregorian University takes up this call and addresses the theme of “Theology Responding to the Challenge of Synodality” in an international conference.

The Conference will gather different experiences and visions on synodality that come from the synodal processes in the five continents and will examine the characteristics of a theology articulating its vocation to synodality. It aims to identify paths for a renewed theology in order to lay the foundations for the implementation of a synodal method in theology.

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27-29 April 2023
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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 27 APRIL

8:00 am *Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola at Campus Martius*
Via della Caracita 8/A
Holy Mass
Presided by **H. Em. R. Card. Mario GRECH**
General Secretariat of the Synod (Vatican City State)

VISIONS AND EXPERIENCES

9:00 – 1:00 **MORNING SESSION**
Visions

Opening Greetings

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

9:20 **Morning Works Introduction**
Moderator Rev. Sr Nathalie BECQUART, XMCJ
Undersecretary Synod (Vatican City State)

9:30 *Synodality, a Challenge for Theology*
H. Em. R. Card. Mario GRECH
General Secretariat of the Synod (Vatican City State)

10:15 *Imagining a Synodal Theology.*
A Path of Conversion
Rev. Fr Christoph THEOBALD, SJ
Centre Sèvres (Paris – France)

break (20 minutes)

11:20 *When Does Synodality Question the Locus of Theological Discourse?*
Rev. Prof. Anne-Béatrice FAYE, CIC
Al Mowafaqa Institute of Ecumenical Theology in (Rabat – Morocco)

11:50 *Asian Pluriverse: Multiple Paths Toward Synodal Harmony*
Rev. Fr Andrew RECEPCION, D.MISS
Pontificio Collegio Filipino (Rome – Italy)

12:20 **Questions & Answers with the Audience**

lunch break

2:40 pm **Presentation of Papers**
In the halls adjacent to the Auditorium

3:00 – 7:10 **AFTERNOON SESSION**
Experiences

3:00 **Afternoon Works Introduction**
Moderator **Rev. Fr Giuseppe BONFRATE**
Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome – Italy)

3:10 *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. Rafael LUCIANI
Universidad Catolica Andres Bello (Caracas – Venezuela)

3:45 *Taking Counsel and Deciding Together: The Synodal Way in Germany*
Prof. Thomas SÖDING
Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Bochum – Germany)

4:20 *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)

break (20 minutes)

5:20 *Synodality, Signs of the Times, and Spiritual Discernment. A Theological Reflection at the Service of the "Church on the Move"*
Prof. Margit ECKHOLT
Universität Osnabrück (Osnabrück – Germany)

5:55 *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)

6:30 **Questions & Answers with the Audience**

FRIDAY 28 APRIL

8:00 am *Gregorian University Community Chapel*
Main Building, 2nd floor
Holy Mass
Presided by **H.E.R. Mons. Roberto REPOLE**
Archbishop of Turin (Turin – Italy)

THE CALL FOR THEOLOGY TO BE SYNODAL

9:00 – 12:10 **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)

9:10 **Morning Works Introduction**
Moderator **Rev. Prof. Riccardo BATTOCCHIO**
President of the Italian Theological Association (Rome – Italy)

9:20 *Synodality Enabling Communio: Challenges for and in Canon Law*
Prof. Myriam WIJLENS
Universität Erfurt (Erfurt – Germany)

9:55 *Participation in God, in the Church, in the World: Reimagining Theology in a Synodal Church*
Rev. Prof. Ormond RUSH
Australian Catholic University (Victoria – Australia)

10:30 *The Gift and the Church: Rethinking Theology in the Horizon of Synodality*
H.E.R. Mons. Roberto REPOLE
Archbishop of Turin (Turin – Italy)

break (20 minutes)

11:30 am **Questions & Answers with the Audience**

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2:40 pm **Presentation of Papers**
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3:00 – 6:10 **AFTERNOON SESSION**
Synodality in the Horizon of Contemporary Theological Reflection

3:00 **Afternoon Works Introduction**
Moderator **Rev. Fr Adelson Araújo DOS SANTOS, SJ**
Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome – Italy)

3:10 *Laudato Si' and Synodality: A Reading Through the Eyes of an Eastern Church*
Rev. Prof. Cyril HOVORUN
Enskilda Högskolan Stockholm (Bromma – Sweden)

3:45 *A Synodal Theology in the Light of Amoris Laetitia*
Rev. Prof. Aristide FUMAGALLI
Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Settentrionale (Milan – Italy)

4:20 *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. Regina POLAK
Universität Wien (Vienna – Austria)

break (30 minutes)

5:30 **Questions & Answers with the Audience**