



## SECRETARIA GENERALIS SYNODI

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We are happy to present to you the synthesis of the synthesis given by 112 bishops' conferences (out of 114), of the all 15 Catholic Oriental Churches, 17 Roman Dicasteries, the superiors of the religious orders and congregations, different lay movements and associations. My special thanks go to the initiative “Digital Synod” and the many influencers who got young people to participate.

Yes, the Synod and youth are not in opposition!

This document is NOT an “*instrumentum laboris*”. It is simply a kind of summary of the synthesis the secretariat has received, till now we have been in the listening phase of the Synod. The best is a true reflection of what the Bishops' Conferences have sent in, a reflection of the result of spiritual conversation of the People of God.

You know that we have been a group of people from different continents, bishops, priests, religious and lay people to draft this document out of our experience of reading the synthesis received. This working together was a synodal experience and helped us to grab and to understand the synodal experience of the many groups throughout the world.

This document is therefore not a writing emerging out of theological writings, it is the fruit of a lived synodality, a dimension of the life in the Church. We were able to notice that the Holy Spirit is at work.

We could experience our common dignity as Christians rooted in baptism. Baptism... the fount of all Christian life, baptism the root of communion, the root of participation, helps us to live the unique mission of the Church.

This last point of mission is of first importance.

If we all, as People of God, walk with Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will be more conscious of our common and of our personal mission. A synodal Church is a Church centered on mission.