# Wednesday Synod Zoom Meetings Week 4



## Presenter on Theme of each week

Week One October 4 Synodality Sr. Donna L. Ciangio, OP

Week Two October 11 Communion Milissa Else

Week Three October 18 Mission Br. Christopher Hall, CFC, Ed.D

Week Four October 25 Participation Bp. Michael Saporito

# **Program Schedule**

7PM	Welcome and Introduction to the Evening
7:05	Synod Prayer to the Holy Spirit
7:10	Scripture Reading and Quiet Prayer
7:15	Breakout Rooms for Faith Sharing

# Ask for a facilitator to watch the time and a reporter for simple feedback

Facilitator - Reread Scripture and reflect

Week Four: John: 13: 1-17

### The Gospel according to John

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean."

So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do. Amen,

amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master nor any messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it.

The Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

### **Reflection Questions**

- What is the "model" that Jesus' example asks us all to follow from your reflection of this passage?
- What constitutes legitimate authority in the Body of Christ and how should it be exercised?
- How does Jesus' call to service help shape our participation in the decisionmaking processes of the Church?
- 7:35 Large Group sharing
- 7:45 Presentation on the Theme of the week Participation
- 7:55 Breakout Rooms

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### **Reflection Questions**

- How can conversation in the Spirit, which opens up the dynamism of community discernment, contribute to the renewal of decision-making processes in the Church?
- How can we foster the participation of women, young people, minorities and marginalized voices in discernment and decision-making?
- What can we learn from the ways that our society and culture manage participatory processes? What processes adopted by the culture are an obstacle in the life of the Church and for Synodality?
- 8:15 Large Group Sharing
- 8:20 Sending Prayer

A few moments of quiet prayer -Who or what do you wish to include in prayer?

- Post your intercessions in the chat
- Solemn Blessing
- → May our God and Father,
  who in many and various ways
  spoke to our fathers through the prophets,
  direct you and the whole Church
  in fidelity to his word
  and in discernment of his will.

ALL: Amen.

→ May the Only Begotten Son, sent in the fullness of time to manifest to all the riches of the Father's mercy, keep you in communion with himself and your brothers and sisters.

ALL: Amen.

- → May the Holy Spirit lead you all, and especially the Synodal Assembly, to perceive the signs of the times, so that, adhering to the will of God in all things, you may bear the abundant fruit of unity by promoting the life of the Church and witnessing to the Gospel.

  ALL: Amen.
- ♣ And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.

ALL: Amen.

8:30 Thank you and keep Pope Francis, Cardinal Tobin, and all Synod participants in your prayer.

