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# Acronyms

**Ceama:** Conferencia Eclesial del Amazonía.

**Cebitepal:** Centre for Biblical, Theological and Pastoral Formation of Celam.

**CGC:** Celam Knowledge Management Centre.

**CEILAC:** Comisión de Ecología Integral de Latinoamérica y el Caribe (Latin American and Caribbean Commission for Integral Ecology)

**Celam:** Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council.

**CPC:** Celam Communication Centre.

**Ceprap:** Celam's Centre for Pastoral Action Programs and Networks.

**ECOSOC:** Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

Fospa: Foto Social Panamazónico

**INSPyRE:** Latin American Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

**Oducual:** Organisation of Catholic Universities of Latin America and the Caribbean

**Osmeca:** Socio-pastoral Observatory on Human Mobility in Mesoamerica and the Caribbean

**PAGAICEYNA:** Pastoral Garífuna Inculturated Central America and the Caribbean

**PCAL:** Pontifical Commission for Latin America

**PCN:** Child Centrality Program.

**GEP:** Global Education Pact

**Regchag:** Red Eclesial Gran Chaco Acuífero Guaraní.

**Remam:** Ecclesial and Ecological Network of Mesoamerica.

**Repam:** Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network.

**Reteis:** Territorial Ecclesial Networks

Unicapac: International Union of Christian Business Leaders

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# News

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## Celam creates Cardinal Pironio Foundation

The Latin American Episcopal Council created the Cardinal Pironio Foundation, which will have as its main purpose the administration of Celam buildings, “providing its facilities, its economic income and its own hosting organization for the meetings, conferences, retreats or any other kind of gatherings of any religious nature contributing to the achievement of the Foundation goals”.

In accordance with its statutes, the functions of the Foundation shall be:

- Ensure the good administration of CELAM buildings and facilities.
- Promote the use of the facilities for meetings between the baptized and people of good will.
- Encourage all meetings to be held in a synodal key, so that we walk together.
- To ensure that financial income is used for the Foundation’s purposes.

The presidency of Celam, at its ordinary meeting on 4th December 2023, had decided: “To establish a foundation to be called “Beato Cardinal Pironio” for the administration of the Celam buildings on Avenida Boyacá and Usaquén in Bogotá. The board of directors will be composed of: President: Mons. Jaime Spengler; First Vice-President: José Luis Azuaje; Second Vice-President: José Domingo Ulloa; Secretary General: Mons. Lizardo Estrada Herrera, Executive Director: Cdora. Lyda Inés Muñoz Hoyos”.

During the month of May, the steps for its constitution and operation were completed, starting with the articulation of the administrative structure of Celam.

## Platforms and networks meeting for pastoral action in Latin America and the Caribbean



Convened by Celam Centre for Pastoral Action Programs and Networks (Ceprap), representatives of the territorial and thematic ecclesial networks, ecclesial movements, youth, family, prison, addictions, indigenous, Garifuna, Afro-American, among others, met from 14 to 16 May to outline the working guidelines under a dialogical dynamic of joint and synodal construction.

Lizardo Estrada, Celam secretary general, thanked God for “this experience of fraternal encounter which, in a synodal key, gave various signs of the Church as a house of communion that many long for, because it has a place for everyone”. From his role at the service of the continental Church, the prelate assured that “with your contribution, your help and that of many in your respective organizations, we are walking step by step, all together, with hope, with the Kingdom of God as our horizon”.

The Dicastery for Integral Human Development of the Holy See joined this meeting telematically. Cardinal Michael Czerny, Prefect of the Dicastery, thanked the participants for their efforts and for setting an example in networking.

Among the conclusions that are considered to be orienting for an articulated pastoral care in the future, the following stand out:

1. Some current pastoral practices need to be changed to avoid efforts dispersion, to achieve greater integration and to make synod.
2. To approach in order to transform and change mentalities so that, in a plural dynamic in synodality, fragmentation becomes articulation.
3. To withdraw from all self-referential activity.
4. Decolonize financial cooperation and overcome imposition by donor agencies.
5. Overcoming naivety.
6. Local advocacy implies changing territories, de-masculinising spaces.

Common aspects between all the platforms began to be elucidated and some were mentioned that should not be left aside: the need for Church-State dialogues, ecumenical alliances, making the wisdom of Afro and indigenous peoples visible, having spaces for advocacy and positioning as a Church, “going together”, carrying out the *Laudato Deum* Route and socializing it, seeking to have a coherence and an

interconnected strategy, strengthening other organizations to take on processes favoring the Common Home.

The dynamics of the meeting led to the formulation of concrete actions connecting the platforms, catechesis and the pastoral sectors were invited. The key points are always starting from the territories and making articulations, to generate a kind of pastoral governance for the mission and service, to communicate permanently inside and outside the Church. Advocacy actions were consolidated, especially regarding to the Laudate Deum Route, the water campaign, and articulation processes for the defense of leaders.

In this sense, it was considered necessary to take on the FOSPA (Pan-Amazonian Social Forum) as a step to begin the dynamics of advocacy, awareness-raising and appropriation of the importance of a human rights and peace ministry, training and articulation processes, consolidation of issues related to public ethics, the crisis of democracy, organized and transnationalized crime; the trafficking of biodiversity and the rescue and continuity of the water campaign.

Further information:

<https://adn.celam.org/mons-lizardo-estrada-a-redes-y-plataformas-de-accion-pastoral-sus-aportes-y-experiencias-daran-continuidad-al-proceso-sinodal/>

<https://adn.celam.org/todo-lo-que-debe-saber-sobre-el-encuentro-de-redes-y-plataformas-de-accion-pastoral-de-america-latina-y-el-caribe/>



## Working Group on Artificial Intelligence



The Celam working group on Artificial Intelligence, which is coordinated by José Sols Lucía, an academic from the Ibero-American University of Mexico, has been set up. This initiative has been developed through the Centre for Knowledge Management. The group is composed by María Elizabeth de los Ríos, from the Anahuac University of Mexico; Luis Jiménez, from the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico and the Pontifical Javeriana University; Moisés Sbartelotto, from the Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais; Mons. Edson Oriolo, Bishop of Leopoldina, Brazil; Lázaro Támez, entrepreneur and president of the Nuevo León 4.0 platform; Rodrigo Fábrega, Chilean and professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Jesuit José María Guibert, professor and former rector of the University of Deusto in Spain; and José David Amorócho, doctoral student in educational psychology, who acts as a secretary of the group. The working group is accompanied by the director of the CGC, Guillermo Sandoval, and the coordinator of the CGC Knowledge Sharing Area, Francisco Campos.

This team, defining its objectives, decided that it will work in two stages: the first one, to advancing defining concepts and what is already changing in human life. It will concentrate on some working areas such as health, economy, education and communication. In a second stage,

there will be an anthropological, ethical, theological reflection, including the importance of the legal frameworks.

It is a group composed by experts from different disciplines, who will assist Latin America and the Caribbean in an ecclesial reflection on the challenges and dangers that artificial intelligence presents for mankind, thus responding to the concerns raised by the bishops at the 39th Assembly of Celam held in Puerto Rico and reiterated in several ecclesial meetings.

Further information:

<https://adn.celam.org/el-celam-constituye-grupo-de-trabajo-sobre-inteligencia-artificial/>

## **Declaration of solidarity for the floods with the people of southern Brazil**

In a statement dated 6 May, the Presidency of Celam expressed its “solidarity and closeness to the people and families who have lost their loved ones, to those who have had to abandon their homes and belongings, and for those whose dreams and projects have been washed away by the floods in the state of Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil”.

The highest authorities of Celam described as “dramatic” the proportion of this contingency which, with fraternity and the spirit of a field hospital, the local Brazilian church has assumed, while expressing their closeness: “We send our brother bishops in the affected dioceses, their communities, priests, men and women religious our spiritual accompaniment in this situation and we thank them for the efforts they are making to welcome and assist the victims”.

Further information:

<https://adn.celam.org/presidencia-del-celam-solidaria-con-el-pueblo-del-sur-del-brasil-que-sufre-graves-inundaciones/>



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**SOLIDARIDAD CON EL PUEBLO DEL SUR DE BRASIL***Bogotá D.C., mayo 06 de 2024*

Nuestros hermanos y hermanas del sur de Brasil están sufriendo una dramática situación a causa de las intensas lluvias que han provocado inundaciones nunca antes experimentadas.

Desde el Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano queremos expresarles nuestra solidaridad y cercanía a las personas y las familias que han perdido sus seres queridos, a quienes han tenido que abandonar sus casas y sus pertenencias y a quienes el agua les ha llevado sus sueños y proyectos.

Les hacemos llegar a nuestros hermanos obispos en las diócesis afectadas, a sus comunidades, sacerdotes, religiosos y religiosas nuestro acompañamiento espiritual en esta situación y les agradecemos el esfuerzo que están realizando por acoger y asistir a los damnificados.

Invitamos a orar por todo el pueblo del sur de Brasil y hacer que nuestra solidaridad sea afectiva y efectiva transformándose en acciones de concientización para escuchar los gritos de la Tierra que se expresan en estos fenómenos climáticos.

Que Nuestra Señora de Aparecida cubra con su protección maternal y nos renueve en la esperanza que brota de la presencia de Jesús Resucitado entre nosotros.

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## Red Clamor General Council and Coordinating Team Meeting



From 7 to 10 May, a meeting of the General Council and Coordinating Team of the CLAMOR Network was held at the Celam headquarters in Bogotá.

Lizardo Estrada, Celam secretary general, welcomed those present and expressed his joy for the service that the organization provides to the Church, at the same time as he asked “not to be surpassed by the temptation of becoming a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) which,

reduced to be a transnational organization, implements programs for migrants and would not represent the Church that goes on pilgrimage with them”.

Thus, on behalf of the presidency of the international organization, he confirmed his desire to “continue promoting its efforts, moving together within all its members towards the paths of communion and mission”.

“You know this well, because you are present every day on the front lines of borders, migration routes and host communities. Every day, millions of human beings are forced by poverty, violence, environmental catastrophes or political persecution to leave their homes, their communities, their families, their customs; embarking on the journey of forced migration, with the dream of a better life,” the bishop said.

He also highlighted the mission of the Red Clamor, its explicit desire to overcome intra-ecclesial borders, to the point of achieving important processes of political advocacy before the Organisms of the United Nations System, being part of the Organizing Committee of the World Refugee Forum or acting on behalf of civil society in activities such as the Quito forum or the Cartagena + 40 process; spaces that were previously reserved only for governments.

The meeting began with an exercise of discernment in which the suffering arising from the reality and context of migration in Latin America and the Caribbean was identified and prioritized.

Elvy Monzant, executive secretary of the Clamor Network, explained that, in function of the clamors already identified among migrants, the work of the seventh general assembly of the Network, to be held from 24 to 30 September 2024, was also planned. For the first time, it will have a global character due to a partnership between Clamor and Caritas Internationalis.

A work was also performed on a mapping exercise (which consists on collecting more than 400 works of the Church in Latin America carried on with migrants), regarding the components of the anti-trafficking

toolkit and on the diploma courses that are planned to qualify personnel working with migrants.

The meeting concluded with the two visits the delegations carried out to show and learn about the difficult reality experienced by the migrant population in different sectors of Bogotá.

Further information:

<https://adn.celam.org/mons-lizardo-estrada-a-la-red-clamor-no-se-de-jen-vencer-por-la-tentacion-de-convertirse-en-una-ong/>

<https://adn.celam.org/red-clamor-hace-un-llamado-a-los-gobiernos-a-poner-la-persona-humana-en-el-centro-de-sus-politicas/>

## Celam present at the 36th Meeting of Border Dioceses in Paraguay



The 36th Meeting of Border Dioceses: Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay” took place in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay, from 20 to 22 May. The subject covered was: “Neighbors meet to deepen the common roots threatened by the imposition of a global culture and to value the cultural diversities in the life of our peoples”.

Pedro Brassesco, Deputy General Secretary of CELAM, spoke about synodality as the path of the Church for the third millennium and highlighted the cultural challenges expressed in the Synthesis Report of the Synod Assembly and the concluding text of the Ecclesial Assembly of Latin America and the Caribbean.

In the final message, the participants expressed: “We seek to overcome the challenges we face every day, based on the creativity in our local Churches. This meeting has reaffirmed our aspiration for a synodal Church, in which communion, participation and mission are the fundamental axes. We expect to promote an experience of discernment, participation and co-responsibility that will strengthen our diocesan communities”.

“We recognize that cultural diversity, with the richness of its values, is a valuable asset enriching our communities. Our commitment is to work together to maintain and value these cultural roots, promoting unity in diversity through fruitful interculturality.

“In an ever-changing world, it is essential to continue building a future in which our roots and traditions are respected and valued. We thank God for the opportunity to come together and look to the future with hope, knowing that we will strengthen the mission of service and proclamation of our diocesan Churches”.

The next meeting will take place in May 2025 in Corrientes (Argentina).

Further information:

<https://adn.celam.org/xxxvi-encuentro-de-diocesis-de-frontera-argentina-brasil-paraguay-uruguay-unidas-en-ciudad-del-este/>

<https://adn.celam.org/mensaje-final-36-encuentro-de-diocesis-de-frontera-como-iglesia-ante-la-globalizacion-seamos-escuela-de-humanismo-cristiano/>

<https://adn.celam.org/36-encuentro-de-diocesis-de-frontera-cultivando-sinodalidad-alegria-gradecimiento-y-fraternidad/>

<https://adn.celam.org/obispos-de-frontera-de-diocesis-del-cono-sur-sessionan-en-paraguay-%F0%9F%91%89-aqui-las-conclusiones/>

## **Eight research agreements on poverty visibility have been signed.**

Celam signed eight research agreements about the visibility of poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean, they will be carried out in the context of the agreement signed last November between the Celam and the Organisation of Catholic Universities of Latin America and the Caribbean (Oducual), throughout its Knowledge Management Centre. This series of research will be carried out by eight universities, whose projects were chosen by an evaluation commission, among almost sixty submitted by other universities.

The project is coordinated by Dr. Agustín Salvia and the research topics and universities involved are the following: “Situación de niños migrantes desde México hacia Estados Unidos”, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Puebla; “Salud integral de niños vulnerables por migración”, UC de Costa Rica; “Voces de la población negra a través de la pastoral afro latinoamericana”, UC de Sao Paulo; “Cultura del descarte”, Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires; “Sobreviviendo en la basura”, Universidad Católica de Salta, Argentina; “Exclusión y discriminación de los firmantes de los Acuerdos de Paz”, Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá; “Invisibilización y discriminación de mujeres en Medellín”, Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana. Colombia; “Violated rights of children of imprisoned mothers”, Universidad Católica Benedicto XVI de Trujillo, Peru.



## Fraternal visit of Celam to the Latin American Confederation of Religious.



As a sign of fraternal brotherhood, on Tuesday, April 30th, directives of the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (Celam) visited the facilities of the Latin American and Caribbean Confederation of Religious - CLAR, recently remodeled on its structure.

The visit to Colombia of Monsignor Héctor Zordán, bishop of Gualaquaychú and president of the Episcopal Commission of Consecrated Life of the Episcopal Conference of Argentina, was the reason for Monsignor Lizardo Estrada, auxiliary bishop of Cusco and general secretary of CELAM, and Father Pedro Brassesco, assistant general secretary of CELAM, to visit the headquarters of CLAR.

Sister Daniela Cannavina, secretary general of CLAR, and Father Israel Arévalo were the hosts of this meeting, who expressed their pleasure for the pleasant visit. When they were given a tour by the headquarters, they mentioned historical aspects of this ecclesial organism and went into details of the renovation works performed there.

After the tour, the directives of these two ecclesial organizations held a meeting, where Sister Daniela Cannavina, expressed her willingness to continue walking hand by hand in joint alliances and to continue promoting synodality. “We all hope that further collaboration between Celam and CLAR will continue to bear abundant fruit in the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean”, she said.

Estrada, Mgr Zordán and Fr. Brassesco visited Sr. Gloria Liliana Franco Echeverri, odn; president of CLAR, at the headquarters of the Sapiencia College in Bogotá.

Further information:

<https://adn.celam.org/como-signo-de-fraternidad-directivas-del-celam-visitatan-sede-de-la-confederacion-latinoamericana-de-religiosos/>

## Continental Rosary



“Call upon me and I will answer you”. Under the biblical passage of Jeremiah (33:3), various vocations and pastoral ministries of the continent united to pray a continental Rosary for world peace on May 31st. It

was also a way of closing the month of May, dedicated to the Mother of God, in the framework of the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The aim of this time of prayer was to encourage all God's people to meditate about the Word, "to unite us, in times when hopelessness wants to gain ground. It was also part of the Year of Prayer," explained the organizers. It was also part of the road to the Synod, as each mystery was inspired by the directions of the Ecclesial Assembly, the Synod 2021-2024 and the Jubilee 2025.

This activity was coordinated by the Committee for the appropriation of the Ecclesial Assembly, carried out by representatives of the Episcopal Conferences of Latin America and the Caribbean. It accounted with the participation of the youth pastoral of Latin America and the Caribbean; family pastoral, childhood and life, catechists, Afro-American, Garifuna and indigenous peoples and pastoral of addictions, street and penitentiary. The musical entertainment was provided by Luis Ariel Fiscué Montaña, singer, religious of the Archdiocese of Popayán (Colombia) and a reference for the indigenous pastoral in this jurisdiction.

Access the recording at

<https://youtu.be/13IPZUtCOMg>

# Celam's journey in May

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## **Meeting with the continental secretariats of Africa and Asia**

On May 2nd, the Celam secretariat held a meeting with the heads of the secretariats of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC) and the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM) where they continued exchanging experiences on the current phase of the Synod of Bishops; a meeting for the leadership of the three continental conferences is planned for next August in Luxembourg.

**The Catechesis Laboratory is working on a course on prevention in catechesis.** The Catechesis Laboratory held two meetings in May, on the 2nd and 9th. They discussed the identity and continuity of this space in support of the network of Episcopal Commissions for Catechesis, promoting tools and programs for Christian life initiation. Progress was also made in a dialogue with Cebitepal and Ceparap to organize a course or diploma course about the prevention and protection of children and adolescents in catechesis.

**Meeting of the Remam Advocacy Commission.** During the meeting held on May 6th, progress was made on the work objectives for the formulation of advocacy strategies and the drafting of the Advocacy Manual with a biome approach. Regarding this subject, it was highlighted that communiqués have been issued in support of the processes of defense of the common home of countries such as Ecuador and Panama, and they spoke out on World Water Day.

**Meeting of the Ceparap Coordination Council.** The virtual meeting of the Ceparap Council took place on 7 May, during which the activities carried out since the previous meeting were reported on and the working document for the Meeting of platforms and networks processes was presented. There was agreement on the existence of an interconnected

reality that needs to be tackled from a pastoral approach with areas that work transversally. The members of the Council also formulated a series of recommendations and suggestions for the meeting.

**Meeting with the Repam executive secretariat.** The virtual meeting, which took place on 9 May, provided an opportunity to learn about the network's progress and the projection of mapping as a tool for pastoral prophetic action of the integral ecology territorial networks (Reteis). In this regard, it was decided to take up this action again, as a culture of mapping which is considered urgent and useful to improve organization and joint action. It was proposed to address the issue of drug trafficking and organized crime as an urgent problem in the territories; to work on common advocacy actions with the other networks on a common subject and to disseminate the efforts of each network on the basis of their own and common territorial challenges.

**Pané Foundation visits Celam.** Members of the Ramón Pané Foundation, presided over by Cardinal Oscar Rodríguez Maradiaga, visited the Celam headquarters on 9 May to inform the Secretary General, Mgr Lizardo Estrada, and members of Ceparap, about the activities they carry out. They commented on their work of more than 20 years through the Cristonauts project, which focuses on young people and especially on the prayerful reading of the Bible.

**Synod Continental Team Meeting.** During the meeting held on 9 May, they discussed the contributions made by different areas and institutions to be sent by Celam to the Secretariat of the Synod, as well as the syntheses prepared by the Episcopal Conferences, their continental approach and the prospects for the organization of the meeting of synod fathers and mothers of Latin America and the Caribbean, which will take place from 12 to 14 August at the Celam headquarters.

**Meeting of Pastoral por la Vida.** During the virtual meeting held on 10 May, progress was revised; working perspectives for the next three years were discussed, as well as preparations for the 2025 meeting to be held from 19 to 23 May and a course in Cuba. In the second half of next year, a training course on post-abortion trauma and sensitization

is expected to take place through Cebitepal. Two webinars on spirituality are planned for 2026. At the end of October this year there will be a meeting with the Holy Father in Rome.

**Meeting with Uniapac Latin America:** The General Secretariat and Ceparap met on 10 May with members of the executive committee of the organization which brings together Christian entrepreneurs from Latin America and the Caribbean. They discussed the identity of each organization and joint work to implement the agreements reached at the Brasilia Symposium held last November. Concrete actions were agreed to strengthen the national Uniapacs by facilitating dialogue with the local episcopates.

**Dialogue with the Repam Travelling Team.** Members of the Repam Itinerant Team visited Celam on 10 May, where they spoke with the director of Ceparap about the organizational restructuring and the work with the integral ecology networks. It was agreed that Celam would support several initiatives arising in coordination with Repam authorities.

**Meeting with the Platform for New Economies and Economics of Francisco and Clara.** During the meeting, a historical review was made from the last 25 years, a process that has inspired thinking and practices capable of generating alternative development proposals to the current ones, which only have led to waste, poverty, inequality and environment depredation. The aim is to discern a development model that would be human, integral, supportive and respectful with the Common Home.

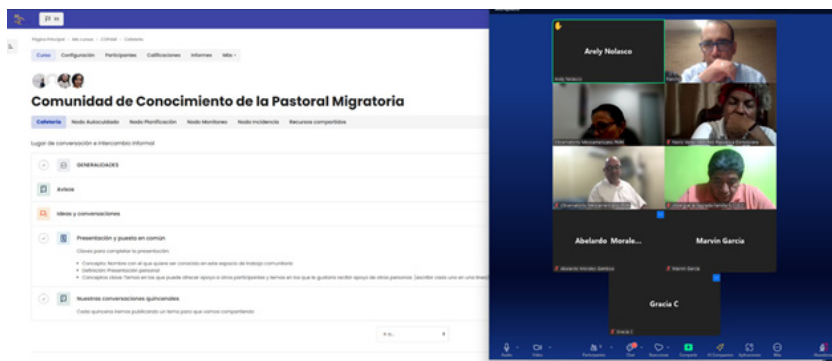
**Session of the CGC Council.** On 13 May a new meeting of the Knowledge Management Centre Council was held, headed by its coordinator, Bishop Ricardo Morales, Bishop of Copiapó. On this occasion, the internal regulations text of the Centre was approved in general. Ample

space was also devoted to reflection on the contents and priorities of the CGC's work plan, aligned with CELAM's Global Plan.



**Course on “Media Training and Communication Strategies in Crisis Situations”.** From 13 to 17 May in Panama, CEBITEPAL held a course on “Media Training and Communication Strategies in Crisis Situations” for Bishops. The goal of this event was to effectively train prelates to improve their relationship and interaction with the secular media. This was the first edition of the course, which will be replicated in other regions of Latin America. The second edition will be held in Brasilia in June.

## Launch of the Pastoral Migratory knowledge community.



The knowledge-sharing community on human mobility, run in conjunction with the Socio-pastoral Observatory on Human Mobility in Meso-america and the Caribbean (Osmeca), was launched on 14 May. Its objective is to identify good practices and some other kind of learning and knowledge that can be systematized and shared with organizations working with migrants. In this first stage, four work topics have been defined: accompaniment and teams self-care, planning, monitoring and advocacy.

**Seminar on Social Encyclicals Day.** A seminar on the social magisterium of the Church was held on 15 and 16 May. In this way, CELAM's Knowledge Management Centre celebrated 133 years since the encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, which marked the beginning of the Social Doctrine of the Church as a discipline. The activity, was carried out on a digital platform, it was inaugurated by the Secretary General of CELAM, Bishop Lizardo Estrada, and had the participation of Dr. Agustín Salvia and Father Francisco Hernández, on the first day. On this occasion, an analysis of the socio-economic and ecological situation of Latin America was carried out from an academic and pastoral perspective. On the second day, Deacon Alirio Cáceres spoke about Integral Ecology and



theologians Sister Birgit Weiler and María Clara Bingemer addressed a reflection in which a core question was posed: What are the current challenges of our Church?



More information:

Day 1: <https://adn.celam.org/primera-jornada-seminario-enciclicas-sociales-doctrina-social-para-toda-nuestra-iglesia/>

Second day: <https://adn.celam.org/segunda-jornada-seminario-enciclicas-sociales-una-iglesia-que-acompana-acorde-a-los-tiempos/>

You can access the recording of the Seminar: Day 1: <https://youtu.be/8myEKHg2aJc> Day 2: <https://youtu.be/z4FvvnFNcWs>

**Pastoral de la Vida meeting.** In the reactivation of Pastoral for Life framework, an important virtual meeting was held on May 17th with the participation of more than 90 pastoral agents from different countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Connecting, articulating and training are the motivating verbs that accompany this process, while the network is a place of reflexive and operative meeting around the right to life, from the right moment of conception, and its transit, until the moment of its natural death. In the future, it is foreseen to create the Dynamic Commission for this pastoral, to hold meetings by regions and to project the Strategic Plan 2024-2027.

**Planning day for the Knowledge Management Centre team.** On 17 May, the Knowledge Management Centre team held a planning day at the premises of the Major Seminary of Bogotá. During the meeting, the new members (Yenny Garizao, Luz Marina Escobar and Manuel Benítez) were welcomed and the planning for the year was carried out, aligning the work program with the challenges proposed by the CELAM Global Plan. In the photograph, the team visits the Seminary library, accompanied by Fr Martín Gil.



**Meeting with the International Catholic Agro Rural Youth Movement.** This meeting of dialogue and mutual knowledge was held on 20 May with members of Ceprap. It is a non-profit civil organization that promotes the sustainable development of rural areas with the active participation of organized youth from the local to the international level. It has a consultative space in UNESCO, FAO, United Nations and ECOSOC.

**Remam General Assembly.** On 20th and 21st May, the Remam General Assembly was held virtually, with more than 50 participants. A presentation of the activities was carried out the last year and the work prospects were made. Several topics were discussed and work was carried out in commissions. They spoke about the need to make efforts for greater coordination with the Afro, Garifuna and Native Peoples' pastoral groups; to strengthen coordination; to make visible the actions taken on, especially all the struggles against mining; to reinforce the common agenda around the Common House; to establish alliances with other organizations and to strengthen the presence in the spaces of the Church.



**Meeting of the Women in the Church and Society Steering Committee.** On 20 May this Commission met to take stock of the meeting of the Ceparap processes, to follow up the development of the campaign for the right of women to a life free of violence 2024 and to review the progress of the work plan approved by the enlarged commission on 4 April. According to what was discussed, progress is being made in the prioritized strategies such as the preparation of the meeting of the Bolivarian region that will take place next November, the virtual training cycle that has had very good results and a Disruptive Women Mapping process.

**Family Pastoral Network meeting.** The network meeting that brings together the pastoral commissions and departments of the Episcopal Conferences was held virtually on 21 May. During the meeting, those who participated in the meeting organized by Ceparap presented their experiences and discussed the possibility of articulating their work with other areas such as the prisons and addictions pastoral care. Then the national teams presented some of the actions they are carrying out: family days, life and family programs, virtual courses, diploma courses and various training materials. The objective is to make this material available through the Cebitepal platforms.

**Meeting with Celam-PCAL dialogue tables:** During the virtual meeting held on 22 May with the participation of the secretary of the PCAL, Dr. Emilce Cuda, Mons. Reginaldo Andrieta, the directors of Ceparap and Cebitepal and collaborators, progress was made in the organization of a meeting with the trade union sector, entrepreneurs, social organizations and business chambers to encourage dialogue and eventually achieving agreements on issues such as social justice and the democratic system.

**Community of Life “Walking for Peace” Meeting.** On 22 May this meeting was held with the director of Ceparap where the members of INSPyRE (Latin American Institute for Peace and Reconciliation) made a presentation of their history, desires, policies and activities and discussed the linking of their website with the one of Celam.

**Ceprap Team Meeting.** The members of this centre met on 23 May to evaluate the Networks, Platforms and Programs Meeting held from 14 to 16 May, the proceedings of which will be published in e-book format. The balance was very positive, despite the diversity, a good integration was achieved, those present entered into the generated dynamics with interest and a great participation. There were also comments on the processes that are being carried out with a view to COP 16 in Colombia this year and COP 30 in Brazil in 2025.

**Dialogue of women in Mesoamerica.** This is an action of the Plataforma Mujer en la Iglesia y la Sociedad (Women in the Church and Society Platform) in coordination with Reman, which took place on 23 May, with the participation of 42 people from Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Ecuador. The objective of these dialogues is to support the pastoral work of organized women in the communities, focusing on an empowerment approach in their grassroots organizations. It was noted that there is a diversity of experiences led by women and it was discussed how the Platform could help them in processes that could make them visible, strengthening their capacities and skills.

**The virtual course “Pedro Casaldáliga, poetry and theology” has concluded.** The training space organized by Cebitepal was developed throughout the month around the figure of Dom Pedro Casaldáliga, a Spanish religious, writer and poet, who lived most of his life in Brazil as a bishop in the state of Mato Grosso. Michael Moore OFM, introduced the group of participants to the depth and synthesis of the theological thought of the Bishop of Araguaia in poetry. At the end of the meetings, the students commented their appreciation not only for the theological soundness but also for the spiritual depth and value of such a hopeful message. To quote briefly some conclusions: “My deepest thanks to Professor Michael for the fertility of appreciations he managed to convey Don Pedro’s message. Ignacio Ellacuria said that with Monsignor Romero, God passed through El Salvador, I believe that so, along Don Pedro, he also passed through Brazil”.

Another resonance: “I feel fortunate to be part of these classes. Thank you very much for dedicating your life to theology and for sharing what you have learned. Your teachings inspire me and have answered many of my questions. I am very grateful.

**Meeting with the Women’s Pastoral Commission of the Archdiocese of Cusco.** It was promoted by Mons. Lizardo Estrada and coordinated by the Animating Commission of the Axis Women in the Church and Society and the Women’s Pastoral of Cusco. Its objective was to share with the participants the process of the Animating Commission of the Axis with the purpose of agreeing on joint work strategies in a synod key in the framework of the Women’s Axis and the Strategic Pastoral Plan.

**Statistical viewer meeting.** The team which carried out the research of the Socio Anthropological Pastoral Observatory of the CGC presented, on 24 May, the viewer that will allow online consultation of statistical data considering the presence of the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, making various cross-references between them. It is a digital tool that will facilitate pastoral decision-making and will soon be installed on the Celam portal. The data presented in the form of longitudinal studies come from the pontifical statistical yearbooks, and contain a series from 1970 to 2020.

**Meeting with CPAL-SJ:**



On 27 May, a coordination meeting took place with the participation of the education team of the Conference of Latin American Provincials of the Society of Jesus and three members of the CELAM working team on the Global Education Pact (PEG). On this occasion, experiences of the visibility of PEG initiatives developed in Brazil were presented. This meeting is part of the process of meetings with different religious families with presence in education in Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Meeting of the CEILAC Dynamising Commission.** At the meeting held on 27 May, various possibilities were discussed to implement the *Laudato Deum* route and to analyze the articulated work with the other platforms. A drafting committee was organized to prepare a working document for COP 16. The importance of maintaining links with the entire Bishops' Conferences and with the Holy See was highlighted.

**Celam at the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations seminar.** Dr. Agustín Salvia, coordinator of the Socio Anthropological and Pastoral Observatory Area of the Centre for Knowledge Management, had an outstanding participation in the seminar held in Rome by the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO). The academic was one of the driving forces behind the formation of the Latin American Women's Observatory. This initiative was later extended to other continents and is now an important tool for analysis and reflection on the situation of women in the world. WUCWO, which represents around 8 million women, showed some of the results of its studies.

The seminar closed with the intervention of Dr. Salvia, who spoke about the meaning of observatories: "Why an Observatory? The importance of them lies on the fact that there is so much to change and transform. The Observatory is an interpreter of knowledge that can set us free. It is not a complainer. This World Women's Observatory provides the basis for opening the debate, raising awareness from the universal appreciation language, not only for its own tribe but also to open new bridges, without closing itself to different worldviews, open to dialogue between different and equal".

**Talk: Trinity and Links.** Within the framework of the virtual training cycle of the Women's Axis Animating Commission, a virtual talk on the Trinity and Links was given by the theologian Andrea Sánchez Ruíz on 28th May. The participants were invited to reflect on how, throughout life, certain dualist positions have sought to despise the corporal by subjecting it to the rational or overvaluing the spiritual to the detriment of the kinship we have within the earth; in this sense, the relationship between the equal dignity of the human race and the differences between the sexes have generated different models of interpersonal bonding, some of which end up ignoring the fundamental equality willed by God, expressed in the richness of diversity, in his Trinitarian image.

Link for documents Talk II:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HPLqHZsuBCXsDI6DVf6SM-vP2LCE5MaM1?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HPLqHZsuBCXsDI6DVf6SM-vP2LCE5MaM1?usp=drive_link)

Recording of the event: [https://youtu.be/mWi\\_TVxGY0c](https://youtu.be/mWi_TVxGY0c)

**Meeting with the Human Rights/Peace/Democracies Dynamising Commission.** On 28 May, the meeting of the dynamic commission of this platform was held, where Caritas Latin America was incorporated and progress was made in internal organizational processes. A description was made of the "Laudate Deum Route" and the important relationship with the Episcopal Conferences of the countries that will host FOSPA (Bolivia), COP 16 (Colombia) and COP 30 (Brazil). Joint work strategies were agreed.

**Regchag Virtual Assembly.** The Assembly held on 28 May brought together 52 delegates from the countries that make part of the Ecclesial Network Gran Chaco and Guarani Aquifer: Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay and Bolivia. The work experiences from the last time were shared, highlighting the performing of face-to-face territorial meetings which analyzed several problems. The participants from each country shared their experiences, not only in terms of diagnosis, but also in terms of the responses given to the different challenges and demands of the territories. Issues such as water management and care of the Common House



were addressed. The dialogues have been a response to the gaps, the cries, and thus this network has been a sign of hope.

**Webinar “The Church in the International Socio-Environmental Debate”.** This webinar held on 28 May was part of Ceilac’s Laudate Deum route. The objective was to obtain guidelines for a better understanding of civil society spaces in the care of the Common Home. International, regional and national negotiation spaces on climate change and biodiversity.

**II Ibero-American Meeting “Spiritual Accompaniment: “Called to Serve”.** The meeting, organized by the Red de Salud UC Christus (health network UC Christus), had the support of the Chilean Episcopal Conference and Celam, assisted by the director of Cepar, Fr Francisco Hernández. It dealt with aspects related to the pastoral care of health, with an emphasis on the care of the sick and some details of hospital pastoral care. It was attended by more than 300 people and was held virtually.

**Meeting of the Justice and Peace Dynamising Commission.** During the meeting, held on 29 May, it was established that the Justice and Peace face-to-face meeting will take place from 15 to 20 September this year. The virtual meeting of Social Movements will take place on 16 July at 6.00 pm in Colombia. The aim is to get to know different practices of social dialogues focusing on popular organizations based on the 4 essential goods (work, roof, land and technology). The 5th National Meeting of the Brazilian Justice and Peace Network was also announced by the end of the year in Brasilia.

**Webinar “Dignity of the Person and its implications for pastoral action”.** The virtual event was organized by Pastoral Hispana de Estados Unidos and Cebitepal, highlighting the biblical foundations and the social magisterium of the Church on the principle of Human Dignity. For this occasion, the activities and work programs of both the North American organization and Cepar and Cebitepal were also presented in presence of their directors.

**Meeting of Afro Catholic Women Leaders.** The purpose of the meeting held on 30 May was to begin preparations for the 1st Meeting of

Afro Latin American Women Leaders - LACAM, to be held from 16 to 18 July 2024. The first ideas of objectives, topics and methodologies were outlined. It was agreed that the meeting will focus on getting to know and recognizing the reality and contributions of women leaders, promoting the being, work and contributions that women have made to the construction of the church, strengthening women's leadership, their commitment and prophetic action from their own voice, reality, discernment and representation.

**Theology in a Synodal Key for a Synodal Church Congress team meeting.** They discussed the general aspects of the Congress that will take place from 9 to 11 August at the Celam headquarters: communications, dissemination, guests and logistical issues.

**Central America and Caribbean inculturated Garífuna Pastoral Meeting.** Within the promotion framework of the Garífuna Pastoral and Ceparap's support for its work plan, this meeting was held on 31 May, there where topics such as the contribution of this pastoral to the next session of the Synod, the II Garífuna Theological Reflection Day which, in alliance with Cebitepal, will take place on 20 July, the creation of Cáritas Garífuna and the evaluation of Ceparap's face-to-face meeting processes were discussed.

**Completion of the face-to-face stage of the Licentiate in Pastoral Theology.** On May 31, twenty-six students from different regions of the continent and the Caribbean completed the corresponding subjects to the face-to-face stage of the Licentiate in Pastoral Theology taught by Cebitepal. It was a great experience of learning and living together from the very heart of the Latin American Church. The students will have to take virtual diploma courses to complete the credits required by the program's itinerary. They all took part in the classroom edition of the course, enjoying an experience of fraternity and theological reflection.

**Diploma course "Communication and preaching".** From 7 May to 5 June this diploma course organized by Cebitepal was held for ordained ministers: priests and deacons. The course echoed the Exhortation

Evangelii Gaudium which considers the preparation of preaching and homilies as an ecclesial task which demands and requires dedication of time and contemplative study, reflection and communicative creativity. Due these reasons, the course offered strategies from the science of communication applied to homiletic preaching. At the same time it integrated methods of biblical interpretation to equip preaching ministers with the necessary skills to immerse themselves in several liturgical seasons and other celebrations in order to unfurl better serve communities in their existential, social and cultural context.

María Angela Cabrera, a Dominican nun, master in pastoral management and doctor in Bible, together with Mons. Raúl Berzosa, theologian, jurist, and Spanish writer who was auxiliary bishop of Oviedo, and bishop of Ciudad Rodrigo (Spain). Guidelines for concrete work were offered to the participants, who worked directly with their communities, asking them to evaluate the homilies. This was a concrete exercise in synodality aimed at strengthening the evangelizing and catechetical task of the ministry. It was a very rich experience for which Cebitepal is grateful for and joins in the words of Mgr Berzosa, who said: “On behalf of Sr. Angela and personally me, we thank God for this excellent experience and for such qualified participants, and we thank Cebitepal in particular for this opportunity that has been given to us”.

# Publications

Two publications have been made available to the People of God by the Knowledge Management Centre.



The first one is an e-book which collects all the interventions made at the III Latin American and Caribbean Congress on the Social Doctrine of the Church. These were recorded in a very brief summary with a link to the full text and a link to the video of the presentation. It also includes a photo gallery.

To obtain the document use the following link:

<https://goo.su/FQ7Vd>.

The second publication is a popular version of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "Laudate Deum".

This is a work conducted by the Centro Episcopal de Acción Social, CEAS, in Peru. The texts in this version are by Fr Mateo Garr s.j., and this is the first of a series of publications to be made of relevant documents of the Social Doctrine of the Church in a popular version.

The link is:

<https://documental.celam.org/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=189184>

To consult these and other publications, you can access the Celam Library portal at <https://documental.celam.org>.



# Episcopal appointments

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- 2 May: The Holy Father appointed Archbishop José Mário Scalon Angonese Metropolitan Archbishop of Cascavel (Brazil), transferring him from the diocese of Uruguaiana.
- 2 May: Pope Francis has appointed Father Kendrick John Forbes of the clergy of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Nassau (Bahamas), until now vicar general, judicial vicar and parish priest of St Paul's in Nassau, as bishop of Roseau (Dominica).
- 4 May: The Holy Father appointed Mgr Herculano Medina Garfias, until this point titular bishop of Gegi and auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of Morelia, as bishop of Ciudad Guzmán (Mexico).
- 14 May: The Pope appointed Fr. Ángel Falzón, O.F.M., until now parish priest of the Immaculate Conception parish in Aguanque-rique, as bishop of the Diocese of Comayagua (Honduras).
- 14 May: The Holy Father appointed Father Agnaldo Temóteo da Silveira, a member of the clergy of the Diocese of Sobral, at present Vicar General and parish priest of Nossa Senhora do Patrocínio, as a bishop of the Diocese of Garanhuns (Brazil).
- 15 May: Mgr Raimundo Possidônio Carrera da Mata, coadjutor bishop of Bragança do Pará (Brazil), takes over the pastoral government of the diocese after the resignation of his predecessor.
- Dimas Antonio Acuña Jiménez, clergy of the Archdiocese of Barranquilla, parish priest of Nuestra Señora de Torcoroma, has been appointed by the Holy Father as bishop of El Banco (Colombia).
- 15 May: Pope Francis has appointed as auxiliary bishop of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Barranquilla (Colombia), Father Edgar

Jesús Mejía Orozco, clergy of the same archdiocese, as yet Vicar General, assigning him as the titular See of Zattara.

- 15 May: The Holy Father appointed Father José Otacio Oliveira Guedes, auxiliary bishop of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Belo Horizonte (Brazil), from the clergy of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Niterói, hitherto principal of the Pontifical Brazilian Pio College in Rome, assigning him the titular See of Severiana.
- 16 May: Pope Francis appointed Archbishop Sergio Hernán Pérez de Arce Arraigada, S.S. CC. as Metropolitan Archbishop of Concepción (Chile), transferring him from the Diocese of San Bartolomé de Chillán.
- 24 May: The Holy Father appointed Mgr Edgar Aristizábal Quintero, hitherto bishop of Yopal, as bishop of the diocese of Duitama-Sogamoso (Colombia).
- 27 May: The Holy See has appointed Bishop Alberto Germán Bochatey Chaneton, O.S.A., auxiliary bishop of La Plata (Argentina), as apostolic administrator of that archdiocese.
- 27 May: The Holy See has appointed Archbishop Ruy Rendón Leal, Archbishop of Hermosillo, Sonora (Mexico) as Apostolic Administrator of Nogales, Sonora (Mexico).
- 31 May: The Holy Father appointed Fr Rodrigo Gallego Trujillo, clergy of the diocese of Buga (Colombia), hitherto Vicar General and Parish Priest of the Cathedral of Buga, as Bishop of Palmira.
- 31 May: Pope Francis has appointed as auxiliary bishops of Port-au-Prince (Haiti) Father Sander Louis-Jean, of the clergy of Port-au-Prince, hitherto parish priest of Notre-Dame de l'Assomption Cathedral, assigning him the titular see of Privata, and Father Wismick Jean-Charles, S.M.M., until now president of the International Commission for the Protection of Minors of the Company of Mary, assigning him the titular see of Lestrona.

## Resignations

- 4 May: Mgr Oscar Armando Campos Contreras, Bishop of Ciudad Guzmán (Mexico)
- 15 May: Mgr. Jesús María Cizzaurre Berdonces, O.A.R. Bishop of Bragança do Pará (Brazil)
- 27 May: Archbishop Gabriel Antonio Mestre, Archbishop of La Plata (Argentina)
- 31 May: Mgr Edgar de Jesús García Gil, Bishop of Palmira (Colombia)

## Deaths

- 17 May: Mgr Príamo Pericles Tejeda Rosario, bishop emeritus of Baní, Dominican Republic
- 30 May: Cardinal Kelvin Edward Felix, Archbishop Emeritus of Castries, St Lucia, West Indies.



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# Invitations and announcements

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## Meeting of liturgy leaders of the Bishops' Conferences

During the first week of December 2023, a face-to-face meeting was held at the Celam headquarters to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium. It was an opportunity to discern together the challenges of formation, inculturation and liturgical pastoral care in our region, deepening our understanding of its foundations and sharing proposals for action to promote the liturgical life of our peoples.

Continuing with the itinerary traced out on for the occasion, the team leading this Latin American and Caribbean network invites the presiding bishops and members of the Liturgy Commissions and Departments of the Episcopal Conferences to participate in a virtual meeting on 20 June from 10.00 to 12.00 (Colombian time) where it will be a reflect on the subject of the liturgy in the Year of Prayer and share the steps that have been taken based on the commitments made at last year's meeting.

## Sexual abuse in an ecclesiastical context. Analysis of the Chilean case

In the framework of the activities programmed by the Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Culture of Care, we invite you to participate in a discussion on the topic: "Sexual abuse in an ecclesial context. Analysis of the Chilean case. It will take place online, through Celam's networks and channels, on Wednesday 26 June at 9.00 am in Colombia.

Dr. Ana María Celis will present the study carried out in Chile from the basic qualitative and quantitative aspects, while psychologist María Jo-

sefina Martínez B. will address the topic of “The voice of survivors” and Dr. Constanza Garrido M. will do the same on “Abuse in figures”.

## **Latin American and Caribbean meeting of communication managers**

It will be held from 29 to 31 July at the Celam headquarters in Bogotá and those responsible for communication in the Episcopal Conferences of Latin America and the Caribbean and other ecclesiastical bodies, both at the level of press offices and pastoral communication are invited to participate.

The accompaniment and communicative support between and with the Episcopal Conferences, and in synergy with other ecclesial organizations, constitutes a priority for the CPC, with a view to defining an itinerary for the reinforcing of communicative capacities and strategies, based on the systematization of “good practices” and the elaboration of its own reflection on the challenges of pastoral communication and the pastoral care of communication in Latin America and the Caribbean.

These are some of the objectives of the meeting:

- Strengthen the bonds of fraternity between those responsible for communication based on the postulates of the “culture of encounter” and mutual listening.
- Carry out a diagnosis of structures, capacities, needs and communication resources in the continent episcopates.
- Deepen the challenges and opportunities of digital pastoral care in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- To discern some lines of articulation to develop communicative synergies in a synodal perspective, from Latin America and the Caribbean, to be translated into projects.
- Reflect on the possibilities for cooperation and funding aiming strengthening communication processes in the Latin American and Caribbean Church.

## **Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Theology in a Synodal Key.**

The Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (Celam) announces the last places available to participate in the first Latin American and Caribbean Congress on “Theology in a Synodal Key for a Synodal Church”.

The Congress will be held at the Celam headquarters in Bogota (Colombia) from 9 to 11 August 2024 and is aimed at

- Representatives of universities and theological institutes.
- Theologians from church bodies and theological societies at national and continental level.
- Synod fathers and mothers of the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- People interested in updating their knowledge of Latin American and Caribbean theological reflection in a synodal perspective.

It will be a space to promote greater communion on the Latin American path and Caribbean Catholic theological reflection at the service of a synodal Church and a creative and synodal way of doing theology.

Further information: <https://cngcelam.haif.app>

## **Meeting of participants in the second session of the Synod Assembly**

Members of the Second Session of the Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops are invited to participate. It will be held at the Celam headquarters from 12 to 14 August the goal is taking up the contributions formulated by Latin America and the Caribbean enlightening the Instrumentum Laboris and in preparation for the Assembly.

## **Prevention of the abuse in Latin America and the Caribbean Episcopal Responsible Conferences second meeting**

It will be held at the Celam headquarters in Bogota from 3 to 5 September 2024. Two representatives from the prevention commissions of the Bishops' Conferences (the responsible bishop and a member of the team) and members of commissions of other continental ecclesial bodies (CLAR, Caritas, etc.) are invited to participate.

Organised by: CELAM, Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Culture of Care and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia.

## **Forthcoming diploma courses and courses**

***Virtual Diploma:***

***Parish Community of Communities***

Date: 1 July to 2 August

Schedule: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (Colombia time)

Target group: Bishops, priests, deacons, religious men and women and laity.

More information:

<https://celam.haif.app/cursos/curso-cebitepal?5fcP0pcrfMIFbkaM+mopUQ==>

***Virtual Diploma:***

***Update in Systematic Theology I***

Date: 1 July to 26 July

Schedule: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. (Colombian time)

Target group: Bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay people.

Further information:

<https://celam.haif.app/cursos/curso-cebitepal?x6b867Np/xRZbKs4FO-tyKA==>

***Virtual Diploma in Liturgical Pastoral Care:  
Is a renewed liturgy possible?***

Date: 1 July to 26 July

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Colombia time)

Target group: Bishops, priests, deacons, religious and laity.

Further information:

<https://celam.haif.app/cursos/curso-cebitepal?opo/XG3yUVGNgS1H-J8r0oA==>

***Virtual diploma course:  
“Resource management for a church in action”.***

Date: 1 to 5 July

Colombia timetable: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 15.30 to 17.30 hs; Thursday and Friday 8.30 to 11.30 am (Colombia time)

Target group: Bishops and those responsible for project areas, priests, religious men and women, those in charge of finance, management, administration and church projects.

Further information:

<https://celam.haif.app/cursos/curso-cebitepal?dM7A/LNhzfQbYlphEm-V16w==>

***Virtual diploma course:  
“Canon Law in the service of love and justice”.***

Date: 1 to 26 July

Schedule: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:00 to 12:30 am (Colombian time)

Target group: Bishops, priests, deacons, religious men and women and lay people, members of ecclesiastical tribunals.

More information:

<https://celam.haif.app/cursos/curso-cebitepal?2j6Vjb+mwPtlfIBr7x4S-bw==>

***Virtual biblical spirituality course:  
“Mary Magdalene, Re-reading of texts and traditions in a feminine perspective”.***

Date: 3 July to 7 August (every Thursday)

Target group: Anyone interested in learning about and deepening their knowledge of the historical and theological reconstruction of Mary Magdalene in order to restore the truth of her life with Jesus and in the early Christian communities.

More information:

<https://celam.haif.app/cursos/curso-cebitepal?TzuUaGyRQJ+IbGiay-FoKow==>

***Training of Pastoral Agents.  
Pastoral Service for Marriage Annulment Processes.***

Date: Monday 2 September to Monday 30 September 2024

Schedule: Monday 6 to 8 pm (Colombian time)

Target group: Bishops, pastoral workers (laity, clergy and consecrated) Ecclesiastical court members.

More information:

<https://celam.haif.app/cursos/curso-cebitepal?R+OWakcMYnn7S-DuNBmddgw==>

***Pastoral Theological Update for Bishops***

Date: 4 to 8 November.

Mode: on-site at the Celam headquarters.

Objective: to offer the bishops of the continent a pastoral theological update in the key of synodality.

Methodology: a journey around current subjects from the Magisterium of Pope Francis, with the presentation of the horizons challenging the pastoral work from a synodal perspective.

Further information:

<https://celam.haif.app/cursos/curso-cebitepal?ABbXXohFqhzdnE4dwd-QNbA==>

***Course for preachers:***

***“Witnesses of God in His People”.***

Date: 25 to 30 November

Mode: on-site at the Celam headquarters.

Objective: to train suitable preachers, able of provoking and making present an encounter with God, testifying through the preaching of the Word and ecclesial experience what the Lord is saying to his people in the present times.

Further information:

<https://celam.haif.app/cursos/curso-cebitepal?cQdVQvv6xqk/83d5w-Q31LA==>

# Agreements signed

Institution	Object
Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo - Brazil	Conduct research on “Discarded, unseen and Silenced Populations: Black Voices through Afro-Latin American Pastoral Care”.
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana - Colombia	To carry out the research “Marginality, discrimination and exclusion of signatories of the final peace agreement, the case of the cultural centre “La casa de la trocha - La casa de la paz” in Bogotá D.C., Colombia”.
Catholic University of Salta - Argentina	Conduct the research “Surviving in rubbish”.
Catholic University of Costa Rica - Costa Rica	Conduct the research “SOS, alarm in integral health: Unveiling challenges in child population made vulnerable by migration, a case in San José, Costa Rica”.
Catholic University of Trujillo Benedict XVI - Peru	Conduct research on “The violated rights of children in women’s prisons in Peru”,
Popular Autonomous University of the State of Puebla, A.C. - Mexico	Conduct research on “Migrant minors in Mexico bound for the United States: Visibilizing dangerousness, survival strategies and the dreams of a continent”.



Pontificia Bolivariana University - Colombia	To carry out the research “Analysis of the invisible, marginalized and discriminated population, in the light of the intersectionality that affects women in rural areas of Medellin - Colombia, towards a socio-educational proposal for cultural transformation and justice, 2024 - 2025”.
Universidad del Salvador - Argentina	To carry out the research “Cooperative associations facing the “throwaway culture” in the metropolitan region of Buenos Aires - “Bridges within the Magisterium of Pope Francis”.
Fundación Comisión Católica Argentina de Migraciones (FCCAM) - Argentina; Asociación Civil Cáritas de Venezuela - Venezuela; Pastoral Social - Cáritas Panamá - Panamá; Asociación Hermanas Misioneras de San Carlos Borromeo Scalabrinianas - Honduras; Conferencia Episcopal de Guatemala - Guatemala	“Strengthening of the CLAMOR Network in its function of articulation, accompaniment and generation of advocacy spaces promoting the exercise of the rights for all persons in situation of migration, refuge, displacement and trafficking”.
Diocese of Borba - Brazil	Implementation of project FPP 010/BR/23 (Construction of a community centre for the Holland indigenous people).

<p>Fundación Instituto Cristiano de Promoción Campesina “ICPROC” Floresmiro López Jimenez - Colombia</p>	<p>Implementation of the development seeds project.</p>
<p>Episcopal Commission for Social Action - CEAS - Peru</p>	<p>Elaborate the popular version of the Apostolic Exhortation Laudate Deum (digital version).</p>
<p>Apostolic Vicariate of Puerto Maldonado - Peru</p>	<p>Activities of implementation and accompaniment of intercultural training programs, coordination of volunteers and local teams, logistical and mobilization costs of the “Red de Educación Intercultural Bilingüe de la Amazonía” (REIBA).</p>
<p>Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network - REPAM - Brazil</p>	<p>Inter-institutional Cooperation between the Latin American Episcopal Council - CELAM and the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network - REPAM-Brazil, for the contribution of lodging and accommodation for the participants in the “V Meeting of the Catholic Church of the Legal Amazon” that will be held in the city of Manaus (Brazil) from 19 to 22 August 2024 and in order to guarantee the necessary resources for the fulfillment of this activity.</p>
<p>Archdiocese of San Pedro Sula - Honduras</p>	<p>Coordination and accompaniment of the Inculturated Garifuna Pastoral of Central and North America (PAGAICEYNA).</p>

# To see and participate again

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Celam, through the Centre for Communication, makes available the recordings of the events and material produced during the month of May:

- Webinar for the Social Encyclicals Day: <https://youtu.be/8myE-KHg2aJc> (Day 1) and <https://youtu.be/z4FvvnFNcWs> (Day 2).
- Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network (Repam) event: Integral Ecology and the life project of young Amazonians: <https://youtu.be/TIL3UNpju58>
- Meeting #2 of the Axis Women in Church and Society: “Trinity and Links”: [https://youtu.be/mWi\\_TVxGY0c](https://youtu.be/mWi_TVxGY0c)
- Continental Rosary “For World Peace” in the framework of the Ecclesial Assembly appropriation activities: <https://youtu.be/13l-PZUtCOMg>

Celam DNA emissions:

- Preventing abuse, Argentina towards Jubilee 2025 and Colombia celebrates Reconciliation Day (4 May): <https://youtu.be/kmZxhkmD-E>
- Solidarity with Porto Alegre, assembly of the Clamor network and march for life in Colombia (11 May): <https://youtu.be/q6Wd-qS-2Hyc>

- Networks and pastoral platforms, strengthen common paths, articulation and a holistic view (18 May): <https://youtu.be/K7NprI3xGAY>
- Border bishops from the dioceses of the Southern Cone meet in Paraguay: Here are the conclusions (25 May): <https://youtu.be/CYrfXARANOY>

#### Faces and voices

- Interview program with Christoph Dietz, Cameco's Latin America focal point: <https://youtu.be/yUfzWwCXLGY>

#### Reflections for the road

##### Spiritual meditations on special dates:

- 3 May: Exaltation of the Holy Cross: <https://youtu.be/ZmQja1u-tVfk>
- 12 May: Ascension of the Lord: <https://youtu.be/a4N1rteIHcc>
- 19 May: Pentecost: <https://youtu.be/Pdk0kGP45M8>
- 20 May: Blessed Virgin Mary: <https://youtu.be/TiVmPJIXCRk>
- 26 May: Holy Trinity: <https://youtu.be/sftZ77pWBEw>

#### Graphical Grants

- 2 May. Subsidy for the Sixth Sunday of Easter <https://adn.celam.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/6-domingo-pascua.pdf>

- 9 May. Subsidy for the Ascension of the Lord: <https://adn.celam.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/7-domingo-ascension-PG.pdf>
- 15 May. Pentecost Sunday subsidy: <https://adn.celam.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/8-dom-pentecostes.pdf>

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