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Acronym

CEAMA: Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon.

CEBITEPAL: Center for Biblical, Theological and Pastoral Formation of CELAM.

CGC: CELAM Knowledge Management Center.

CEILAC: Latin American and Caribbean Commission for Integral Ecology

CELAM: Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council.

CPC: Center for Communication of CELAM.

CEPRAP: Center for Pastoral Action Programs and Networks of CELAM.

ECOSOC: Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

LACAM: Network of Afrodescendant Catholic Women Leaders of the Americas

ODUCAL: Organization of Catholic Universities of Latin America and the Caribbean

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

PAGAICEYNA: Pastoral Garifuna Inculturated Central America and the Caribbean

PCAL: Pontifical Commission for Latin America

PCN: Child Centrality Program.

PEG: Global Education Pact

PLAPA: Latin American Pastoral Ministry of Accompaniment and Prevention of Addictions

RECLAC: Ecclesial Network of Communicators from Latin America and the Caribbean

RECOR: Red de Comunicades Organizadas de América Latina (Network of Latin American Organized Communities)

REGCHAG: Ecclesial Network Gran Chaco Guarani Aquifer.

REMAM: Ecclesial and Ecological Network of Mesoamerica.

REPAM: Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network.

RETEIS: Territorial Ecclesial Networks

UNIAPAC: International Union of Christian Business Leaders

News

Presentation of the Final Document of the Synod at the celebration of the three-year anniversary of the Ecclesial Assembly



The Final Document of the Synod was presented in a webinar held on November 28th, marking the third anniversary of the completion of the First Ecclesial Assembly of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Moderated by Fr. Pedro Brassesco, Assistant Secretary General of CELAM, the session reflected on the journey from the Ecclesial Assembly to the Synod. It highlighted the contributions made by the final document to the life of the Latin American Church and valued the experiences of those who participated in the synodal process on the continent.

Mauricio López, Rafael Luciani, and Sr. Daniela Cannavina shared their perspectives on the document, drawing from their experiences in the field, theology, and pastoral work.

Fr. Brassesco opened the event by discussing the Synod and the joy of completing a process, while acknowledging that the real challenges begin now—just as they did after the Ecclesial Assembly—and the need to internalize its conclusions. He also mentioned that the Synod’s path will lead believers to delve deeper into the final document and work toward its implementation.

Emphasizing that the Ecclesial Assembly and the Synod are not parallel or consecutive events, the Argentine priest highlighted the profound connection between the two processes. He noted that they allowed for listening, discerning, and proposing new paths for the Church on the continent. In his words, “Only in this way will a more adequate response be offered to the pastoral challenges of the continental Church, which underpins its missionary task.”

For more information, visit: <https://adn.celam.org/territorio-teologia-y-pastoral-tres-caminos-para-acercarse-al-documento-final-del-sinodo/>

To view the presentation again, visit: https://www.youtube.com/live/fg-v2K_EapFE?si=hZc3cIDnIRmxvdZ3

The VI American Missionary Congress renewed the evangelizing spirit of the continent

The VI American Missionary Congress, held from November 19th to 24th in Ponce, Puerto Rico, brought together more than 1,500 participants from across the continent under the theme “America, with the power of the Spirit, witnesses of Christ.”

Monsignor Jaime Spengler, President of CELAM, participated during the final days and addressed the attendees, urging them to “see the world with the eyes of Jesus.” He emphasized that this is an essential task for all baptized individuals to learn, as it encapsulates the theme of the

Congress. He highlighted that today's world and society "are thirsty for testimony," and that missionaries are bearers of experiences that lead them to encounter others.



Father Pedro Brassesco, Assistant Secretary General of CELAM, also participated on behalf of the institution, along with Father Francisco Hernández, Director of CEPRAP. Brassesco spoke about CELAM's facilitating role in the CAM6 process, mentioning that an analysis of the reality in Latin America and the Caribbean was conducted through the Center for Knowledge Management. He also referred to other events where CELAM had been present to advance the organization of CAM6, such as the assembly of national directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Puerto Rico and the General Assembly of CELAM, also held in Puerto Rico.

Cardinal Baltazar Porras, Archbishop Emeritus of Caracas, attended CAM6 as the Pontifical Legate. He presided over the Congress on behalf of the Holy Father and conveyed his message to the participants.

The central theme of the presentations and testimonies was to rekindle the Church's *ad gentes* mission with renewed ardor, walking together while listening to the Spirit, and being witnesses of faith in Jesus Christ in the reality of our peoples, to the ends of the earth. This spirit of unity was clearly expressed throughout the American Missionary Congress, as it united all the peoples of the continent—from north to south and east to west.

At the end of the event, it was announced that the next CAM7 will be held in Brazil in 2029.

Bishop Estrada at the Central American Bishops' Assembly



Bishop Lizardo Estrada Herrera, Secretary General of CELAM, participated in the LXXII Assembly of the Episcopal Secretariat of Central America (SEDAC), held from November 25th to 29th in El Salvador.

Presiding over Mass on the second day of meetings, he emphasized that the mission of a bishop, like that of every servant of the Church, must be the fruit of divine grace. “What I have, what I am, what I do, is thanks to the gift that Christ has given me,” he said. He also spoke of his calling as a bishop and urged those present to remember that his election was not the result of personal merit, but rather the will of God, who chose him for a specific purpose on earth.

Addressing the context of the world, where poverty, injustice, and violence are rampant, he highlighted the importance of humility in pastoral ministry. He invited the bishops to see themselves as “one more of the People of God,” recalling the words of St. Augustine: “For you I am a bishop, with you I am a Christian.”

He also emphasized that a bishop should be distant from privileges and be closer to, and in solidarity with, the people, especially the most vulnerable. “The bishop must be a shepherd with the smell of the sheep, who cares for and accompanies families, the poor, and every community, as sacred ground where the grace of God is at work.”

In the context of a synodal Church, Bishop Estrada invited the participants to work together on formative paths that strengthen Christian witness. He stressed that the Church’s mission is not a position of power but a shared responsibility in community. “We have been ordained for a mission, not for a position,” he concluded.

Second Fratelli Tutti meeting on organized labor

One of the objectives of the second Fratelli Tutti meeting, organized by the Pontifical Commission for Latin America and CELAM, which brought together prominent business and labor leaders, was to concretize the socio-environmental dialogue and work towards building bridges between various actors.

The event, held at the CELAM headquarters in Bogotá, concluded with an invitation to form the Organized Labor Network of the Americas, considering that the participating organizations represent over 60 million workers and entrepreneurs in the region.



The socio-environmental situation based on the apostolic exhortation *Laudate Deum*; the prospects for a just transition from the perspective of trade unions, business chambers, and the International Labour Organization (ILO); sustainable development and labor and business activity, following the promulgation of the encyclicals *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti*; were some of the topics addressed during the sessions, characterized by openness to listening, dialogue, and consultation.

The first *Fratelli Tutti* synodal meeting took place from March 13th to 15th, 2023, in Bogotá, and in this second edition, the Pontifical Commission for Latin America (PCAL) identified and convened representatives from the organized labor community, embracing one of Pope Francis' teachings: "first unity, then strategy."

Thus, the II *Fratelli Tutti* Meeting was attended by representatives from trade unions, chambers of commerce, workers' centers from the social and solidarity economy, cooperatives, the ILO, and Organized Communities from North America.

On behalf of the churches, authorities from CELAM, the Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon (CEAMA), the Latin American and Caribbean Ecclesial Network on Migration, Displacement, Refuge, and Human Trafficking (Red Clamor), the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), the Latin American Rabbinical Seminary, as well as organizations from Family Farming, Peasant, and Indigenous Agriculture were present.

CELAM expressed its solidarity with the president of the Nicaraguan episcopate

In a letter addressed to Cardinal Leopoldo José Brenes, Archbishop of Managua and Vice-President of the Episcopal Conference of Nicaragua, CELAM expressed its closeness and “fraternal availability” to the Church and all the faithful of the country, following the expulsion of Monsignor Carlos Herrera, President of this organization.

“We express our solidarity with him and pray that this situation is resolved soon, and that he may return to his homeland,” reads the letter, in which the members of the CELAM Presidency expressed their shock at the news of the banishment of Monsignor Herrera, who was detained by the National Police on the night of November 13th as he left a meeting.

In their message, the leadership of the Latin American episcopal body expressed their sorrow for “the events that are afflicting the Church on pilgrimage in Nicaragua.” In particular, they lamented the situation faced by several bishops and their dioceses.

In expressing solidarity with Monsignor Carlos Herrera, CELAM offered its prayers “so that all the bishops and the Holy People of God, with the strength of faith,” may continue to be “a testimony of fidelity to the Lord, which shines throughout the entire continent.”



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Bogotá, D.C., 15 de noviembre de 2024

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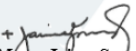
Desde el Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano seguimos con dolor los acontecimientos que afligen a la Iglesia que peregrina en Nicaragua, y particularmente la situación que están atravesando varios obispos y sus diócesis.

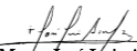
De manera especial hoy nos vuelve a conmocionar la noticia del destierro de Mons. Carlos Enrique Herrera Gutiérrez, obispo de Jinotega y presidente de la Conferencia Episcopal. Nos solidarizamos con él y rezamos para que esta situación se solucione pronto y pueda regresar a su Patria.


Acompañamos el camino de la Iglesia nicaragüense y les expresamos nuevamente nuestra cercanía y disponibilidad fraterna para con todos los obispos y el Santo Pueblo Fiel de Dios que, con la fortaleza de la fe, son testimonio de fidelidad al Señor que resplandece hacia todo el continente.


Los encomendamos a la intercesión de la Purísima, madre de todos los nicaragüenses.


Fraternalmente en Cristo.


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The CELAM accompanied the Assembly of the Organization of Latin American Seminaries (Oslam).



The XXV General Assembly of the Organization of Latin American Seminaries (OSLAM) was held at the Incarnate Word Retreat House in Guatemala from November 17th-22th, 2024. The main theme was “The Service of the Rector and the Formation Team in the Initial Formation of Future Priests”. Delegations from 18 Latin American countries participated.

One of the sessions included a collaboration with Father Fabio Antunes do Nascimento, director of CEBITEPAL, who reflected on synodality as a *kairos* in the formation of future priests.

Father Antunes also presented a project on the study of formation in seminaries. The first stage of the project involved mapping key aspects of the formation processes, identifying their strengths and weaknesses in the light of synodality, with the goal of developing proposals for the pastoral conversion required in these houses of formation.

The assembly also elected the new presidency of OSLAM (2024-2027), which was formed as follows:

President: Father Dionicio Roberto Gómez Sánchez, Rector of the Diocesan Seminary of Toluca, Mexico, and President of Osmex.

Vice President: Father Mauricio Damián Larrosa, Rector of the San José Seminary of the Diocese of Morón, Argentina, and President of OSAR.

Assembly of the CELAM Economies Platform



The Assembly of the Platform of Economies of the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council was held in Bogotá, Colombia, from November 29th to December 1st, 2024. This assembly served as a convergence point for institutions committed to an economy for life, sharing their local and regional experiences. The main objective was to continue consolidating the platform's mission and deepen the network's

commitment to promoting a more just, solidarity-based, and fraternal economy, in line with the principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church and Pope Francis' vision of the Economy of Francesco.

The work of the assembly solidified the commitment to a people-centered economy that promotes social justice and care for creation. It also strengthened the platform's mission and reaffirmed the Church's commitment to building a more just and fraternal world.

Each participant brought with them not only their territorial reality but also the shared desire to transform the economy in Latin America and the Caribbean toward more just, regenerative, and supportive forms. Through spiritual dynamics, collective discussions, and teamwork, bonds of trust and commitment were woven that transcended differences, reaffirming that true wealth lies in connection and collaboration. It was a call to look beyond traditional economic models, recognizing the dignity of communities, individual potential, and the transformative power of solidarity economies.

In each dimension addressed (knowledge, training and integral learning, communication, articulation, and territory), proposals filled with purpose and clarity emerged. From building a virtual library to strengthening solidarity-based production chains, each idea represented a step towards the materialization of "other possible economies." Spirituality, very present throughout the meeting, reminded participants that the economy is not only a system but also an expression of our human relationships and our shared responsibility for the care of the Common Home.

This space was not only for strategic planning but also a profound human connection, where faith, solidarity, and action came together to dream of a future in which the economy is a means to dignify life and build more fraternal communities.

Delegation of military chaplains visited CELAM headquarters



On November 28th and 29th, 25 priests from 12 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean visited the CELAM headquarters as part of the Meeting of Chaplains of the Armed Forces and Police Schools.

The delegation was welcomed by Father Pedro Brassesco, Deputy Secretary General of the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CELAM), who expressed his joy and gratitude for the visit of such an esteemed group.

“CELAM is an organism of episcopal communion at the service of the episcopal conferences and dioceses, especially in the field of evangelization,” said the priest, who also highlighted the readiness of CELAM to serve the Church in its various areas of mission.

The meeting was enriched by a conference delivered by Father Fabio Antunes, director of CEBITEPAL, who emphasized the importance of the Synod on Synodality in the universal Church, noting its role in renewing the Church’s mission.

“We are living the kairos of synodality, a time of grace that invites us to redefine the presence of the Church in the world,” explained the Bra-

zilian priest. He also underlined that synodality is not a whim of Pope Francis, but a fruit of a process rooted in the Second Vatican Council.

On the second day of the meeting, the delegation was received by Monsignor Lizardo Estrada Herrera, CELAM Secretary, who congratulated the participants for their pastoral work and emphasized the need for continuous formation.

“You came here to be formed, and one of the key themes of the Synod is precisely the formation of formators. You have the task of forming young people who will serve in their homelands, imparting human, theological, and Christian formation that respects human dignity and human rights,” Monsignor Estrada emphasized.

PLAPA Seminar: parishes as community spaces of accompaniment in the fight against addiction

On November 26th and 27th, the Latin American Pastoral of Accompaniment and Addiction Prevention (PLAPA) held the penultimate virtual seminar of 2024: “The Parish as a Community that Accompanies.”

Representatives from across the continent attended, exchanging experiences and proposals on the prevention and support of people with addictions, while exploring the role of the Church—particularly parishes—as spaces of hope and transformation.

Father Charly Olivero, a key figure behind the Homes of Christ in Argentina and one of the main promoters of PLAPA, led the conversation, stating that the problem of addiction “is like an oil stain that invades everything, with no regard for geographical or human boundaries.” He emphasized the need for parishes to adopt an integral approach, moving from the virtual to the territorial, and shifting the focus from mere consumption to a person-centered perspective. “The Church cannot remain indifferent to this scourge that is destroying humanity, especially the new generations,” he affirmed.

The seminar addressed three main areas of reflection:

Pastoral Foundations: The coherence between faith and practices of mercy as guiding principles in accompaniment.



Shifts in Perspective: Moving beyond isolated or virtual views to foster community spiritualities.

Concrete Responses: From prayer groups to neighborhood centers offering support and outpatient therapy.

This initiative reflects the Church's commitment to being a Church in mission, extending a hand to those facing the existential challenges of addiction. With events like this, PLAPA reaffirms its mission to sow hope and build communities that walk together toward the integral restoration of life. Networking is crucial, reminding us that we are not alone, and enabling the sharing of experiences and best practices that are growing and multiplying across Latin America.

For more information about PLAPA, visit: <http://plapa.org/>

Laudate Deum: An Urgent Call from Latin America to Save the Common Home



“Ruta Laudate Deum, Challenges to Continue the Journey” was the title of the virtual discussion organized by CELAM on November 21th, featuring specialists in the field of care for the Common Home.

The event began with an intervention by Father Pedro Brassesco, Assistant Secretary General of CELAM, who presented his greetings on behalf of the institution’s leadership and offered a brief reflection on the challenges posed by Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation *Laudate Deum*, which calls for integral conversion.

The dialogue was then opened by Martha Inés Romero Medina, Secretary General of Pax Christi International, who highlighted the importance of the Latin American Ecclesial Assembly as a pathway for Synod methodologies. She noted that *Laudate Deum* not only provides a spiritual guide but also outlines a path to confront the climate crisis, emphasizing ecological and mental conversion and a change in attitude within the ecclesial environment.

Romero further pointed out that progress has been made with processes such as COP16 in Cali and COP29 in Azerbaijan, but she cautioned that it is now time to move beyond the logic of events and focus on the logic of ongoing processes.

Next, Permanent Deacon Alirio Cáceres Aguirre took the floor and reminded the group that the *Laudate Deum* route began in Brazil and later expanded continentally, with the aim of uniting the Church's efforts in concrete actions, such as forums and COPs focused on climate change.

In an emotional video message, Sister Laura Vicuña, Vice-President of the Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon (CEAMA), described the severe challenges facing the region. She shared that extreme drought, displacement of communities, and lack of basic resources like water are clear examples of the impacts of climate change that continue to harm the most vulnerable.

The dialogue concluded with Father Fernando Roca Alcázar, Jesuit priest and advisor to CEAMA, who presented the key points proposed by Pope Francis in *Laudate Deum*. He emphasized the importance of integrating science and technology for the common good, but warned that these tools should not be diverted by economic interests and should be approached from a human and environmental perspective.

America united in prayer for abuse victims

On November 19th, the Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Culture of Care of CELAM, together with the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors and the Núcleo Lux Mundi of Brazil, held the First Day of Prayer for Children, Vulnerable Adults, and Victims of Abuse.

The purpose of the day was to raise awareness within the ecclesial community about the urgent need to confront cases of abuse, promoting concrete actions that guarantee reparation, justice, and prevention.



Inspired by the words of Pope Francis, Eliane De Carli, General Coordinator of Núcleo Lux Mundi in Brazil, emphasized that the Pontiff calls for a continuous and profound conversion of hearts, which must be demonstrated through concrete and effective actions that lead to procedures aimed at preventing abuse.

“Only love and prayer can help us be sensitive to this reality and enable us to work on this delicate mission that Pope Francis has entrusted to us as disciples of Jesus,” said Father Pedro Brassesco, Assistant Secretary General of CELAM.

“It is not enough to ask forgiveness” from the victims, but it is essential to accompany them, listen to them, and work to ensure that the Church becomes a safe, exemplary, and welcoming space, as part of the message from the Holy Father that was shared during the time of reflection and prayer.

Monsignor Ricardo Morales Galindo, President of the National Council for the Prevention of Abuse and Accompaniment of Victims in the Episcopal Conference of Chile, reminded everyone that since 2016, Pope

Francis has urged bishops' conferences to pray for survivors and work toward ensuring zero tolerance for abuse.

Similarly, Nancy Loredo Zambrana, Coordinator of the Commission for Prevention and the Culture of Care in the Bolivian Episcopal Conference, invited all to observe a minute of silence in memory of the victims, visualizing those who have suffered, along with their families and communities, the lasting consequences of abuse.

CELAM course trained 75 preachers



The first international course for preachers brought together 75 participants from 16 countries across the Americas at the CELAM headquarters.

The intensive training sessions, held from November 25th to 30th, featured the distinguished collaboration of professors such as Fr. Fidel Oñoro (Colombia), Fr. Pedro Brassesco, Assistant Secretary General of CELAM, Miguel Pastorino (Uruguay), Carlos Domingo Valdez (Argentina), Christian Ketterer (Chile), Fr. Rodrigo Hernández (Spain), and Francisco Bermeo (Colombia).

Under the theme “Witnesses of God among His People”, the course covered biblical, theological, ecclesial, patristic, anthropological, spiritual, and preaching technique topics. Divided into three groups, the participants attended master classes and participated in pedagogical sessions that allowed them to reflect on the ministry of preaching within a synodal, missionary Church.

On the evening of Friday, November 29th, they were sent to 21 parishes in Bogotá and its surrounding areas to assist with preaching during prayer and evangelization events organized by these communities.

In an atmosphere of deep spirituality, enriched by fellowship and the exchange of experiences, the course became a significant opportunity for both individual and community growth for these evangelizing agents from various parts of the continent.

Diploma for digital missionaries invites to ‘Samaritanize’ in the ‘great network’.

The Diploma Course “Challenges for an Outgoing Digital Mission” began on November 9th with the special participation of the Prefect of the Dicastery for Communication, Dr. Paolo Ruffini, who encouraged digital missionaries to be effective instruments of evangelization and reminded them that “we are all missionary disciples.”

Other speakers included Monsignor Lucio Adrián Ruiz, Secretary of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Communication; Monsignor Lizardo Estrada, Auxiliary Bishop of Cusco (Peru) and Secretary General of the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CELAM); and Father Pedro Brassesco, Assistant Secretary General of CELAM. More than 300 digital missionaries from 23 countries are participating in the course.

The meeting began with a video message from Pope Francis, who encouraged the participants to make their mission in digital spaces “full of humanity.” He urged them: “Go and ‘Samaritanize’ these environments, so that contemporary culture may come to know God by feeling

Him in you; go and bring the hope of Jesus, especially to those who are distant, offering them reasons for your hope.”

This diploma course is a collaboration between CEBITEPAL, the Dicastery for Communication, and the Church Listens to You project.



Father Fabio Antunes do Nascimento, Director of CEBITEPAL, offered an encouraging message to the missionaries: “The formation we will receive in these days will help us delve deeper into this environment of evangelization, where we are called to be witnesses of Christ, visionaries of joy and hope.”

Father Pedro Brassesco emphasized the nature of the missionary call in the digital context, inviting participants to see themselves as sent to build strong bonds within a missionary Church: “May this course be an opportunity to build and recreate connections that help us feel part of a Church that sends us to proclaim the Good News in the digital spaces.”

In his address, Prefect Paolo Ruffini offered a hopeful reflection: “Mission has always been a challenge, even before the digital age. But in this increasingly confused and divided world, our challenge is greater. It

is up to us to connect more effectively, through participatory projects, in a stable and permanent way, with all the Churches and all men and women of goodwill, and to create a new model of communication.”

CELAM advances in the organization of Regional Ecclesial Encounters for 2025



The Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CELAM) is preparing to hold a series of regional ecclesial meetings in 2025. This was announced by Bishop Lizardo Estrada during his speech to the members of the assembly of the Episcopal Secretariat of Central America (SEDAC), which met from November 25th to 29th in San Salvador.

Thanking the prophetic witness of collegiality, communion, and service that characterizes the Central American organization, the Secretary General of CELAM affirmed, “We are committed to advancing the deepening of ecclesial co-responsibility in our regions; that is why we are organizing the Regional Ecclesial Meetings for 2025.” These four regional ecclesial meetings will be based on a methodology inspired by Jesus’

pedagogy with the pilgrims of Emmaus. The goal is to foster episcopal communion, ecclesial synodality, and pastoral coordination, providing a space for the development of pastoral initiatives that will strengthen leadership in each region.

According to the schedule, the first meeting will take place from February 24th to 28th in San José, Costa Rica, bringing together countries from the Central America-Mexico region (Camex). This will launch the series of meetings for the other regions: the Bolivarian countries will meet from March 10th to 14th, the Caribbean countries from March 17th to 21th, and the countries of the Southern Cone from March 24th to 28th.

“In these meetings, we hope to gather five representatives from each Episcopal Conference to work on establishing concrete paths of ecclesial communion among the countries of the region and in line with the mission of the Episcopal Council,” said Estrada. The proposal is for the meetings to include the General Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries of the various episcopates, along with three other members from each episcopal team whose roles impact the activities of the Episcopal Conference and the local Church.

Webinar: The layperson as a pro-life agent

The Center for Pastoral Action Programs and Networks (CEPRAP) of CELAM, together with the Protection Network of Latin America and the Caribbean, hosted the conference “The Layperson as a Pro-Life Agent,” presented by Marco Antonio Gracia Triñaque, a bioethics master and member of the Life Dimension of the Mexican Episcopal Conference.

The event took place virtually on November 29th, emphasizing the role of the laity as key protagonists in the protection and defense of life.

Quoting John Paul II from his encyclical *Redemptoris Missio*, Gracia affirmed that “the evangelizing mission of the Church is still far from being fulfilled,” and reminded attendees that “the mission of the laity

in the Church is to contribute to the evangelizing mission and transform the world through the Gospel.”

Gracia highlighted that, in Latin America, the rise of anti-life and anti-family policies, such as laws promoting abortion, euthanasia, and gender ideology, represents a profound cultural shift and a significant threat to human dignity.

“The pro-life issue should concern all of us, first and foremost, as human beings,” he said, adding that it also challenges us as Catholics and believers. “The moral law, embodied in the commandments, specifically the fifth commandment, ‘Thou shalt not kill,’ obliges us, in conscience as believers and Catholics, not to stand idly by in the face of the challenge we are encountering today, with the spread and promotion of this so-called ‘culture of death.’”

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“Faced with these challenges, the Church calls on us, the laity, to be active protagonists in the protection and defense of human life. Our active participation is essential to counteract these threats and to promote an authentic culture of life,” he affirmed.

To watch the replay of the broadcast: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AURK5g10-QE&ab_channel=CelamTV

CELAM's journey in November

Meeting with the National Ecological Pastoral Network in Ecuador

On November 14th, a listening and coordination meeting was held in Ecuador to learn about and share with CEPRAP the procedures guiding the collaboration of Church and social organizations at the national level. The theme of the meeting was the care of creation and the Common Home. The journey and experience of this network serve as a reference for the regional processes that are being pursued.

REGCHAG's participation in the assembly of bishops of Bolivia

In the heart of Cochabamba, Bolivia, a crucial meeting took place between the Church and environmental defenders. During the 105th Assembly of Bishops of Bolivia, on November 11th, CELAM, through CEPRAP, shared with the Bolivian Episcopal Conference (CEB) the progress of the Ecclesial Network of the Gran Chaco and Guarani Aquifer (REGCHAG). This synodal dialogue allowed the bishops to hear firsthand about REGCHAG's efforts to protect the largest freshwater reserve in the Chaco and to promote integral ecology. The meeting emphasized the importance of working together to care for our Common Home and ensure the well-being of the communities that depend on this vital resource.

Expanded Committee of the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network (REPAM)



CELAM participated from November 5th to 9th in the meeting of the expanded REPAM committee, which aimed to foster a deeper understanding of the region's complex social and environmental challenges through dialogue with local stakeholders.

Throughout the event, CELAM actively engaged in various thematic groups, both contributing to and learning from the shared experiences.

The meeting served as an opportunity to strengthen CEPRAP's commitment to REPAM's mission. It promoted strategic partnerships within the territory, which are essential for ensuring the sustainability of initiatives aimed at protecting the Amazon and its people. Additionally, the event facilitated the integration of territorial networks (REMAM, REGCHAG, and REPAM) into the School of Human Rights, marking a significant step in advancing education and ongoing advocacy.

The expanded REPAM committee provided CEPRAP with the opportunity to reflect on a decade of shared work and reaffirm its commitment to the region. The meeting concluded by affirming: "We have come together to dream, recognizing that everything is interconnected and that everything we do, from wherever we are, can contribute to the care of our common home."

Meetings of the Pastoral Familiar and the Protection of Life Network

In November, several meetings were held between the Pastoral Family teams and the Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Protection of Life. During these meetings, plans were made for the webinar “The Lay Person as a Pro-Life Agent,” with Marco Antonio Gracia as the facilitator.

Progress was also made in planning a training workshop titled “Fundamentals from Neuroscience on the Psychological Effects of the Loss of an Unborn Child: Elements for Pastoral Accompaniment in the Healing of This Grief.” This workshop will take place from January 28th to 31st, 2025, at the Priestly House in Havana, Cuba, and will be facilitated by Father Leonardo Di Carlo (Argentina), Elizabeth Bunster, and Adriana Avendaño (Chile).

Additionally, preparatory virtual meetings are being held for the IX Pan-American and Latin American and Caribbean Meeting on Post-Abortion Pastoral Accompaniment and Support for Life, which will be held in Guayaquil, Ecuador, from May 19th to 23rd, 2025.

Cisav visits CELAM headquarters

The Center for Advanced Social Research (Cisav) “is a praying community of friendship, encounter, and dialogue, rooted in the culture of encounter and in the pursuit of truth,” with its headquarters in Querétaro, Mexico. In the early days of November, its leadership visited CELAM’s headquarters, where they held meetings with the General Secretariat, the directors of various CELAM centers, and other department heads.

Cisav analyzes and generates thought on contemporary realities, discerning them through a Christian and communal lens. Its charism is the unity of faith and reason. The center’s mission is to support the Church in its socio-political challenges by conducting research on frontier issues

with a social impact, always focusing on the most vulnerable, including the poor, youth, women, and other urgent concerns of the Episcopate. Cisav offers training in four key areas: social and legal sciences, bioethics, family and gender studies, and philosophy.

Observatory coordinator visits Vatican dicasteries



The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and the Pontifical Commission for Latin America (PCAL) received Jeanette Rincón, coordinator of the Socio-Anthropological and Pastoral Observatory (OSAP) at the Knowledge Management Center (CGC) of CELAM, at their respective headquarters. On this occasion, Rincón presented the work being carried out by the CGC, and specifically the OSAP.

The hosts from the Dicastery included Alessandra Silvi, head of the Section for Listening and Dialogue, along with Gabriele Verga and Father Patricio Sarlat from the Section for Research and Reflection. At the PCAL, Emilce Cuda, secretary of the pontifical commission, received Rincón.

These meetings were held on November 19th and 25th in the Vatican building in St. Callixtus Square, during a private visit by Rincón to Italy.

The Research and Reflection section of the Dicastery prioritizes topics related to security, justice, and peace; health, particularly mental health and the issue of suicide; the Economies of Francis and Clare; integral ecology; and forced migration.

For its part, the PCAL echoed the initiative of CELAM's Observatory Network, sharing the experience of the meeting held in September with 216 representatives from public, private, Catholic, and other denominational universities, who met with Pope Francis.

Working meetings of the Women's Leadership Commission with ecclesiastical bodies in Ecuador

On November 5th and 6th, members of the Women's Animating Commission held several meetings in Ecuador with ecclesial organizations from the country.

In a meeting with the team from the Amazon University Program (PUAM), progress and projections were shared, and a joint effort was agreed upon for the design and development of a course on Amazonian women's processes.

With representatives from the Conference of Religious of Ecuador, a commitment was made to send the materials from the Formation Cycle and the No Callarás Campaign, as well as to collaborate on the priorities emerging from the Regional Meeting.

Likewise, with some representatives from the Caritas Ecuador team, the Commission's mission and activities were shared, along with the role Caritas Latin America has played in the process. There was expressed interest in the work on masculinities. A commitment was made to share materials from the Formation Cycle and the 25N Campaign: #QuieroSerLugarSeguro (I want to be a safe place), focused on promoting the right to a life free from violence.

COP16 evaluation process started

On November 6th, a meeting was held with the organizations that participated in COP 16 to begin an evaluation process. It was agreed that the work done should continue, as having a single document for advocacy was highly valuable.

It was also noted that the Colombian government did a very good job in organizing the event, and it was highlighted that the Green Zone provided a good space for listening, exchanging knowledge, and fostering integration, which had already begun at the ecclesial PreCOP.

There is room for improvement in the coordination of the participating ecclesial organizations, to ensure a unified joint agenda that provides a clear and coherent thread for all events. In the Blue Zone, we learned how to maintain a presence and better prepare for future events.

I Meeting of women in synodality: Andean-Amazon Region

From November 6th to 9th, the first regional meeting of women in synodality was held in Ecuador, with 32 participants from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, representing 20 ecclesial sectors.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue and deepen the synodal reflection (listening, dialogue, and prophetic action) on the reality and concerns of women, to plan joint actions as a region based on the action lines agreed upon in 2023, and to strengthen ties among participants and with the Commission, with the aim of reinforcing ecclesial and social processes promoted by and for women.

As a result of the meeting, priorities for the regional work plan were identified, including: understanding and recognizing the identity and work of the participating women, as well as the processes they represent, in order to act in communion and foster connections; training for participation and the ability to influence; and the need to define and

develop strategies, initiatives, and actions around individual and collective healing processes in the face of colonial and patriarchal wounds.

The meeting was organized by the Animating Commission of the Axis of Women in the Church and Society and supported by the Episcopal Conference, Caritas, and the Conference of Religious of Ecuador.

Life hangs by a thread’ campaign

At a meeting held on November 8th, progress was made in organizing the ‘Life Hangs by a Thread’ campaign, recognizing the importance of the relationships built with various ecclesial, Holy See, and civil society organizations. Infographics and other materials have been produced. The CELAM Communications Center has fully joined the sub-commission of the Platform, along with several individuals who are supporting the initiative.

Meeting of the Human Rights Nucleus of the REPAM

From November 10th to 13th, the Human Rights Core Group of REPAM held a meeting to share and analyze the progress made throughout the year. A report from the Advocacy Commission was presented, agreements were reviewed for the IV School of Human Rights in Bolivia in 2025, and strategies were discussed to strengthen the work of the core group.

The Pastoral de la Familiar scheduled a day of prayer for peace and reconciliation

During the regular meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Family Pastoral team, held on November 12th, it was agreed to organize a webinar titled “Day of Prayer for Peace and Reconciliation for All Fami-

lies of Latin America and the Caribbean” on Tuesday, November 26th. The facilitators of this session were Marco Murillo and Xinia Segura, a married couple, along with Father Jesús Zúñiga, who are responsible for the Family Pastoral in Costa Rica.

Additionally, four resources will be created for the four Sundays of Advent with the theme “Let us strengthen family prayer during Advent,” with couples from each of the four regions taking charge.

Launching of the canonical licentiate in pastoral theology



On November 13th, CEBITEPAL organized a special live event for the launch of the canonical licentiate in pastoral theology, an enriching session featuring the outstanding participation of Dr. Carolina Bacher Martínez and Fr. Ernesto Palafox.

Dr. Carolina Bacher Martínez shared a valuable reflection on the current challenges in pastoral theology and highlighted CELAM’s contri-

bution to the development and reflection on this crucial discipline for the Church in Latin America. For his part, Fr. Ernesto Palafox discussed the impact this canonical licentiate will have on the Church's mission, strengthening both theological and pastoral formation.

During the broadcast, Fr. Fabio Antunes also presented the official website for the licentiate program, which can be visited at: <https://licenciatura.celam.org/>.

This event marked an important step in promoting theological formation that meets the pastoral needs of our region.

Meeting of the expanded REPAM communications committee



The director of the Center for Communication participated from November 2nd to 5th in Quito, Ecuador, in the expanded communications committee of the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network (REPAM), a space for discerning the impact of Artificial Intelligence on communication from a territorial perspective, as well as the use of tools and social media platforms like TikTok. It was also an opportune space to evaluate and project REPAM's Communications Plan.

More information at: <https://adn.celam.org/red-ecclesial-panamazonica-avanza-en-su-estrategia-de-comunicacion-para-promover-el-dialogo-y-la-defensa-de-la-amazonia/>

Meeting of Episcopal Commissions for Catechesis

In this meeting, held on November 13th, the path of catechesis towards 2026 was analyzed in preparation for the II Week of Christian Initiation.

The need arose to reflect on how Christian initiation could be approached in a synodal way, both in terms of its content and methodologies, aiming to achieve complementarity with all pastoral ministries. It is also important to strengthen catechetical action within the life of the communities and to deepen the synodal dimension of catechesis for a more profound community commitment. For this, it is essential to consider digital culture, the promotion of life, the rights of children, the elderly, and youth, and to form missionary disciples for life.

It is crucial to develop Christian initiation processes for marginalized and impoverished realities, which led to discussions about the type of formation catechists would need in these contexts, new roles and methods, seeking a balance between experience and training. The 2026 meeting could serve as a point of convergence.

Given the large number of ideas and the need to structure a solid proposal, a commission was formed to meet at CELAM from January 27th to February 1st, 2025.

Articulation of the Gran Chaco and Guarani Aquifer Ecclesial Network with sister networks and civil society

On November 13th and 14th, a meeting was held at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Camiri, Bolivia, to strengthen the Ecclesial Network Gran Chaco and Guarani Aquifer (REGCHAG). With the support of CELAM, through CEPRAP, representatives from various sectors gathered to discuss the challenges and opportunities of the region. The importance of connecting REGCHAG with other ecclesial networks such as REPAM and REMAM, as well as with civil society organizations, was emphasized.

This meeting marked a milestone in the development of a shared vision for the defense of the Common Home and the establishment of a permanent training space for community leaders.

Bishop Jesús Galeote, of the Apostolic Vicariate of Camiri, emphasized the importance of communication and collaboration among different actors to achieve a positive impact in the region. Through synodal processes and territorial dialogues, the aim is to strengthen the participation of local communities and create a shared vision for the future.

Meeting of Pastoral Afro in Argentina

From November 25th to 28th, a meeting was held in Argentina with the team leading the Afro Pastoral of Latin America and the Caribbean, with the aim of advancing the organization of the Latin American meeting to be held from November 2nd to 7th, 2025, at the Marist Center of the Archdiocese of Luján (Argentina).

The theme of the meeting will be “Afro-descendants, their struggles (invisibility, migration, structural and systemic racism) and their hopes within a synodal Church.”

The chosen motto is: “Manuel de la Virgen de Luján: the Afro face of the pilgrim people.”

The overall goal of the Latin American meeting will be “to foster reflection, dialogue, discernment, and pastoral commitment among people of African descent, based on their struggles and hopes, in the context of a synodal Church; promoting concrete actions to transform reality by being inclusive and supportive communities.”

#IWantToBeSafePlace Campaign

During the month of November, progress was made in the development of the campaign: “QuieroSerLugarSeguro. Promoting the right to a life free from violence.”

This included the design and publication of materials for social media, as well as participation in a webinar organized by the Laity Secretariat – Women’s Area – of the Episcopal Conference of Argentina. The goal was to raise awareness about the violence directed at women. Regarding the scourge of human trafficking, statistics, key information, and the work experiences of the Episcopal Conferences, as well as the commission supporting the “Women in the Church and Society” axis, were shared.

CELAM’s presence in magazines on the Church’s social magisterium

Two articles on important CELAM activities were requested from the Director of the Center for Knowledge Management by magazines from institutes dedicated to the study and dissemination of the Church’s social magisterium.

The first article, published in Testimonio magazine (July-December), from the Institute of Christian Social Studies of Peru, covers the visit made a few months ago by the Secretary General of CELAM to the United Nations. It also reports on the meetings held with the President of the UN Economic and Social Council, as well as with Catholic and interreligious organizations working within the UN framework, and the meeting with the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, Gabriele Caccia.

The second article was published in Signo de los Tiempos magazine (November-December), from the Mexican Institute of Christian Social Doctrine. It is titled “Chronicle of the Latin American Synodal Theological Congress.”

Investigation of Nicaraguan Cardinal Miguel Obando

The CELAM Library continues to offer support and services for the research of its users. Last November, it welcomed Polish priest John Szczepanik, who has dedicated many years to pastoral work with Latino communities in New Jersey (United States). He is currently pursuing doctoral studies in theology and religious sciences at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

His research focuses on the ministry and pastoral work of the late Archbishop of Managua, Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo, who excelled both in the academic field and in the social, political, and ecclesiastical history of Nicaragua. Cardinal Obando served as a mediator between the Somoza government and the guerrillas of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Both the General Archive of CELAM and the Library were of great assistance in compiling information found in files, correspondence, books, and documents, enabling Father John Szczepanik to delve deeper into his research.

Guided tours: a new service of the CELAM Library

Just as support is provided to researchers who wish to conduct research at the CELAM Library and the General Archive, guided tours are also organized for both groups and individuals who wish to get to know our institution. The purpose of these guided tours is to promote good academic habits among users.

This month, we welcomed a group of young candidates for religious life who, after undergoing a period of discernment, have taken the step to begin their formative journey with the Somaskan Clerics Regular of the Andean Province. Together with one of their formators, they participated in an induction and training session at the CELAM Library, to learn

about the services it has been providing throughout the history of the Latin American and Caribbean Church.



Visit of academic from Universidad Pedagógica Nacional de Colombia

The CELAM Library welcomed a visit from Juan Bayona, an academic from the National Pedagogical University of Colombia, who is currently studying Digital Library Services Technology at the National Learning Service (SENA).

Bayona, with an interest in research, conducted an interview with Juan Carlos Guerrero, the Library's head of collection development and processes. This visit highlights that the CELAM Library is a reference not only in



the ecclesiastical field but also in the non-ecclesiastical realm, particularly in terms of services and digital tools for accessing editorial content and collections.

It is acknowledged that the library, specializing in theology, pastoral ministry, and the Bible, has made significant efforts to update its collections with interdisciplinary topics in the social and human sciences, all from a Latin American perspective. To this end, relevant resources are provided in both physical and digital formats to meet the academic and research needs of the Church and the broader academic community.

Invitations and announcements

Book with theological reflections and Global Education Pact.

Presentación del libro

Pacto Educativo Global
Perspectivas teológicas desde Latinoamérica

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On December 12th, at 4:00 p.m. (Colombian time), the book “Global Education Pact: Theological Perspectives from Latin America” will be presented. The text was prepared at the initiative of the Catholic University of Chile and the Catholic University of Maule (Chile), and has been endorsed by the CELAM Task Force on the Global Education Pact. It will be available in digital format and free of charge. The content includes reflections by nine theologians from various Latin American countries.

Episcopal appointments

- **November 5th:** Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Odelir José Magri, M.C.J., as the first Metropolitan Archbishop of Chapecó (Brazil), until now Bishop of the same See.
- **November 5th:** Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Francisco Carlos Bach as the first Metropolitan Archbishop of Joinville (Brazil), until now Bishop of the same See.
- **November 8th:** Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Josivaldo José Bezerra, from the clergy of the same Archdiocese, until now Vicar General and Pastor of Santo Antônio in Vitória de Santo Antão - PE, as Auxiliary Bishop of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Olinda and Recife (Brazil), assigning him the titular episcopal See of Patará. He has also appointed Fr. Nereudo Freire Henrique, from the clergy of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Paraíba, Rector of the Shrine of Nossa Senhora da Penha in João Pessoa - PB, as Auxiliary Bishop, assigning him the titular episcopal See of Mopta.
- **November 21st:** Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Gustavo Oscar Carrara, until now Titular Bishop of Tasbalta and Auxiliary of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Buenos Aires, as Metropolitan Archbishop of the Archdiocese of La Plata (Argentina).
- **November 25th:** Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Samuel Ferreira de Lima, O.F.M., until now Novice Master and Parochial Vicar of São Francisco de Assis in Rodeio - SC, as Auxiliary Bishop of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Manaus (Brazil), assigning him the titular See of Nasbinca.
- **November 29th:** Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Rubén Gregorio Delgado Carmona, from the clergy of the Diocese of Trujillo, until

now Vicar General and Rector of the Major Seminary of Trujillo, as Bishop of the Diocese of San Felipe (Venezuela).

- **November 30th:** Pope Francis has appointed Fr. João Batista de Oliveira, S.V.D., until now Pastor of Our Lady of Penha in the Diocese of Ji-Paraná, as Bishop of the Diocese of Corumbá (Brazil).

Erection of new ecclesiastical provinces

November 5th: Pope Francis has established the Ecclesiastical Province of Joinville (Brazil), elevating the See of Joinville to a Metropolitan Archdiocese and assigning the Dioceses of Blumenau and Rio do Sul as its suffragans, which until now belonged to the Ecclesiastical Province of Florianópolis. Similarly, he has established the Ecclesiastical Province of Chapecó (Brazil), elevating the See of Chapecó to a Metropolitan Archdiocese and assigning the Dioceses of Caçador, Joaçaba, and Lages as its suffragans, which until now were part of the Ecclesiastical Province of Florianópolis. The Ecclesiastical Province of Florianópolis (Brazil) retains the suffragan dioceses of Criciúma and Tubarão.

Deaths

- November 6th: Bishop Pablo León Hakimian, Bishop of San Gregorio de Narek in Buenos Aires (Armenian Rite), Argentina.
- November 20th: Bishop José Luis Azcona Hermoso, O.A.R., Prelate Emeritus of Marajó, Pará, Brazil.

Upcoming courses and diplomas

Classroom training for musicians 2025



“Instruments to Follow the Master” is the theme of the second edition of the Course for Musicians, which will take place from February 17th-22th, in person, at the CELAM headquarters in Bogotá. This course is designed to foster a profound reflection on the vocation of musicians as disciples and artists in service to the Church’s mission.

The course objectives are as follows:

- To provide participants with the necessary reflections and learning to embrace the service of music as an expression of a Church made up of disciples who, in a synodal way, seek to lead others to encounter and follow Christ.

- To engage in a personal exercise of revisiting one's own vocation as disciples and artists in service to the Good News.
- To offer technical, professional, and human tools for the continuous improvement of their charism, ensuring it responds to the needs, realities, and conditions of the people they serve.
- To create a space for meeting and discernment regarding the characteristics of the ministry and pathways for mutual collaboration.

The course is available to both those who participated in the first edition in 2024 and to new individuals interested in living this experience of communion and personal growth.

Professors: Ziza Fernandes (Brazil), Daniel Poli (Argentina), Rafael Moreno (Mexico), Pablo Martínez (Argentina), Juan Delgado (Venezuela-United States), Fabrizio Catenassi (Brazil), Fr. Pedro Brassesco (CELAM), Francisco Pacho Bermeo (Colombia)

Registration: musicos.celam.org

Theological-pastoral updating course for bishops

From February 24th to 28th, 2025, at the CELAM headquarters in Bogotá, CEBITEPAL will hold the third edition of the Theological-Pastoral Update Course for Bishops.

With an exclusive focus on the formation of ordained ministers, this program aims to offer meaningful moments of study, prayer, and episcopal fraternity, strengthening the bishops' vocation and pastoral commitment.

The course will cover key topics such as the role of episcopal conferences in pastoral work and pastoral opportunities from the perspective of canon law, providing tools to enhance their service to the Church. Invited instructors: Fr. José San José Prisco and Dr. Rafael Luciani.

Free course with limited spots: https://bit.ly/obipos_cebitepal

Canonical Licentiate in Pastoral Theology 2025 -2026

The Canonical Licentiate in Pastoral Theology, offered by CEBITEPAL in collaboration with the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, combines in-person and virtual formats to provide flexible and self-directed formation for pastoral agents. This program encourages the development of critical and innovative pastoral initiatives, deepening knowledge in specific areas of theological study. With a solid ecclesiological foundation, it promotes dialogue with contemporary realities, the culture of encounter, and the synodal spirit in the Church's mission.

In-person module: April 29th to June 20th, 2025.

Information: licenciatura.celam.org

Agreements signed

Institution	Object
Cáritas Arquidiocesana Campinas - Brazil	Inter-institutional cooperation whose purpose is not for profit between CARITAS ARQUIDIOCESANA DE CAMPINAS and the LATIN AMERICAN EPISCOPAL COUNCIL - CELAM, acting within the framework of the collaboration promoted by the project "Strengthening of the Francis and Clare Economies Network in Brazil", in its function of articulation, accompaniment and generation of spaces of incidence that promote the exercise of their rights for all people.
Anny Chiquinquirá Paz Baptista	Organization, jointly by THE PARTIES, of the Workshop - Online Diploma Course on the production of socio-pastoral research micro-documentaries.

To see and participate again

CELAM, through the Center for Communication, makes available the RECORDings of the events and material produced during the month of November:

- November 5th: Lectio on the Encyclical Letter *Dilexit Nos*. <https://www.youtube.com/live/k4Ukp35kuNQ>
- November 13th: Launching of the canonical licentiate in pastoral theology. <https://www.youtube.com/live/4K2jDtEcSII>
- November 19th: 1st International Day of Prayer for Children, Vulnerable Adults and Victims of Abuse. <https://www.youtube.com/live/3B-1QkduVVg>
- November 26th: Day of prayer for peace and reconciliation for all families in Latin America. <https://www.youtube.com/live/dHS- kn98-sKw>
- November 27th: *Laudate Deum* Route, challenges to continue the journey. <https://www.youtube.com/live/-C9dJ5JW5z4>
- November 28th: Presentation of the *Final Document* of the Synod 2021-2024. https://www.youtube.com/live/fgv2K_EapFE
- November 29th: : The lay person as a pro-life agent. <https://www.youtube.com/live/AURK5g10-QE>

Special covers:

- 6th American Missionary Congress:
<https://adn.CELAM.org/tag/CELAM-en-el-cam-6/>

- Preachers course:
<https://adn.CELAM.org/tag/curso-de-predicadores/>
- V Congress of CLAR:
<https://adn.CELAM.org/tag/v-congreso-alc-vida-religiosa/>

Videos published on Youtube:

- November 2nd: COP16 ends and the Church proposes the *Laudate Deum* Route in preparation for COP30 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEZOamQbZh4>
- November 5th: Circles of the Word with Father Carlos María Galli <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujpyMLNKrp8>
- November 16th: Synodal Church rethinks decision making, what is the role of the bishops? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-2CyOXaEYyk>
- November 17th: Reflections for the Way, VIII World Day of the Poor <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waBO8YVBwwU>
- November 17th: Interview with the president of CELAM on CNN en Español <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csEe4yoDfj0>
- November 19th: We are already in Puerto Rico to share details of the American Missionary Congress <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvT5ZHGCDzY>
- November 21st: The Church in America lives a missionary and synodal feast with CAM6 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEI5pgmzdbY>
- November 24th: Brazil, next destination of the American Missionary Congress <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjZUcVYGQWI>

- November 30th: CELAM welcomes preachers from Latin America and the Caribbean <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgDKIKIinzU>

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