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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: Commission for Integral Ecology of Latin America and the Caribbean

CELAM: Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council.

CPC: Center for Communication of CELAM.

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

ECOSOC: United Nations Economic and Social Council.

LACAM: Red de Lideresas Afrodescendientes Católicas de las Américas.

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

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

Caribbean.

PAGAICEYNA: Pastoral Garífuna Inculturated Central America and the Caribbean.

PCAL: Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

PEG: Global Education Pact

PLAPA: Pastoral Latinoamericana de Acompañamiento y Prevención de las Adiccio-

nes

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

RECOR: Red de Comunicades Organizadas de América Latina.
REGCHAG: Ecclesial Network Gran Chaco Guarani Aquifer.
REMAM: Ecclesial and Ecological Network of Mesoamerica.

REPAM: Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network.

RETEIS: Territorial Ecclesial Networks

UNIACAP: International Union of Christian Business Leaders

News

Regional Meeting of Bishops' Conferences of Central America and Mexico



From February 25th to 27th, the first of four regional meetings of Episcopal Conferences convened by CELAM to strengthen the bonds of ecclesial cooperation in each region was held at Casa Siloé in the city of San José (Costa Rica).

Forty-three representatives from the seven countries that make up the Camex region (Central America and Mexico) participated: Panama, Honduras, Nicaragua (virtually), Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Mexico. The delegations were composed of bishops, secretaries general of the respective conferences, assistant secretaries, and leaders in pastoral, social, communication, lay, and youth areas.

During the three working days, a discernment process took place regarding the main social and ecclesial challenges, creating a map of pains and hopes, and articulating possible actions in light of the conclusions of the Ecclesial Assembly and the final document of the Synod on Synodality.

A presentation by CELAM and its centers opened a space for interaction with the different work areas of the Episcopal Conferences to establish processes of coordination and identify the accompaniment needs in line with the priorities that emerged during the meeting.

A special moment was the visit to the Christ the King Parish of the Archdiocese of San José, where various initiatives to assist children, the elderly, and the needy are carried out, becoming a sign of hope where solidarity, transparency, and trust in the Holy Spirit are the driving forces to respond to various cries of society. The visit took on the character of a Jubilee pilgrimage, and the celebration of the Eucharist, presided over by Archbishop José Domingo Ulloa (Archbishop of Panama and second vice-president of CELAM), was the focal point of the encounter with this community.

The region committed to continue working together, holding periodic virtual meetings to follow up on the commitments made, while also deciding to convene a new in-person meeting in 2026 and to incorporate other areas of ecclesial life such as conferences of religious and thematic and territorial networks.

It was also proposed to prepare annual reports on the region's situation based on input from the Episcopal Conferences; greater knowledge of and involvement in the networks currently operating in ecclesial, social, and environmental issues; the reactivation of regional spaces that have lost pastoral momentum; and the strengthening of the processes of receiving the Synod and the Ecclesial Assembly.

MeetingCELAM Presidency



On February 20th and 21st, the first face-to-face meeting of the year of the Presidency of the Latin American Episcopal Council was held at CELAM's headquarters in Bogotá.

During the meeting, the bishops made progress in defining the topics to be discussed at the next Ordinary General Assembly, which will take place in Rio de Janeiro from May 27th to 30th. This assembly will be marked by several celebrations: 70 years of CELAM and the First General Assembly of the Latin American Episcopate; 10 years of Laudato Si', the Jubilee Year, and 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea.

On the other hand, they discussed the Church's path towards COP30, the economic situation of the organization, the organization of regional meetings, migration, and the relationship with other ecclesial organizations.

Additionally, the bishops had a Zoom conversation with Archbishop Luis José Rueda Aparicio of Bogotá and held a meeting with Cardinal Leopoldo José Brenes, Archbishop of Managua (Nicaragua), to learn about the situation of the Church in that country.

Letter from the Presidency of CELAM to the Bishops of the United States



The Presidency of CELAM expressed its solidarity and support to its colleagues and brothers of the Episcopate of the United States following the advancement of immigration policies with "discriminatory narratives."

In a letter sent to Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Archbishop of the United States Military Services and President of the Episcopate of the United States, they highlighted the cultural identity shaped by five centuries of migration of millions of men and women who "arrived freely or were forced by situations of pain and suffering."

Therefore, this diversity – though not always in full harmony – represents a richness, especially when "the contribution that each tradition and culture makes to the common good is recognized," they said in the letter.

Thus, the Bishops of CELAM, led by Cardinal Jaime Spengler, value, from the perspective of faith, "the presence of the other as a brother, someone also loved and cared for by our Father God."

Full text of the letter:

P. /No. 0030 of 2025

Bogotá, D.C., February 28th, 2025

Monsignor

Timothy Broglio

Archbishop of the U.S. Military Services

President

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops – USCCB

Distinguished Bishops of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,

Dear Brothers in the Episcopate,

The Latin American and Caribbean people represent an identity shaped over five centuries, thanks to the contributions of those who inhabited these lands from ancient times, as well as millions of men and women who arrived freely or were forced by situations of pain and suffering.

This diversity, though not always in full harmony, is today a richness, especially when the contribution that each tradition and culture make to the common good is recognized. From our faith, we value the presence of the other as a brother, someone also loved and cared for by our Father God.

For some time now, many Latin Americans and Caribbean people have been leaving their homelands, displaced by violence and a lack of opportunities, in search of conditions that will allow them to live with dignity and realize their dreams. As we know, the United States is one of the places many choose when undertaking the painful process of uprooting themselves to achieve a human development that our governments have failed to guarantee.

That is why we want to recognize and thank you for the support you have historically provided to our brothers and sisters entering your country, integrating them into your communities, supporting them spiritually, and assisting them with their immediate needs, while helping them find ways to access economic development opportunities.

On the other hand, in recent weeks, we have heard from the families of those who have emigrated to the United States about their fears and concerns in light of the announcements and decisions made by the federal government regarding immigration issues. Anguish has gripped them, and a shadow has been cast over the land of freedom and trust in God. These people only desire better living conditions, and we are called to promote and protect life.

Joining the letter that Pope Francis sent to you on February 10th, we encourage you, along with all the People of God, "not to give in to the narratives that discriminate and cause unnecessary suffering to our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters." You are a light that illuminates the consciences and discernment of many American brothers and sisters, so they do not fall into the temptation of viewing what is different as a threat and to instead value its richness.

We reaffirm our fraternal bonds as bishops and with the Churches in our countries, working together both for those who wish to remain in their countries, based on their right not to migrate, and for those who need to leave to preserve their lives and safeguard the future of their families.

We commend you to the protection and consolation of Our Lady of Guadalupe and greet you fraternally in Christ.

Signed:

Card. Jaime Spengler, Archbishop of Porto Alegre, Brazil, Chairman

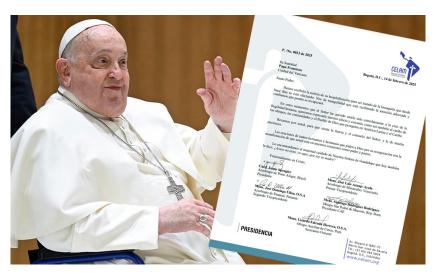
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Letter to Pope Francis for his health



Pope Francis was admitted to the Agostino Gemelli Polyclinic in Rome on February 14th, following his audiences. For this reason, the Presidency of CELAM, led by Cardinal Jaime Spengler, Archbishop of Porto Alegre (Brazil), signed a letter expressing affection and closeness to the Holy Father "in these moments when the Lord has chosen to unite him more closely with the cross of human frailty."

Full text of the letter:

P. /No. 0023 of 2025

Bogotá, D.C., February 14th, 2025

His Holiness

Pope Francis

Vatican City

Holy Father,

We have received the news of your hospitalization for treatment of the bronchitis that has been affecting you for several days. We are comforted knowing that you are receiving the proper care, and we are confident that you will soon recover.

In these moments, when the Lord has chosen to unite you more closely with the cross of human frailty, we want to express our affection and closeness to you, as well as the love of the bishops, communities, and the People of God who are on pilgrimage in Latin America and the Caribbean.

We pray for you, that you may feel the strength and comfort of the Lord and that He will grant you much patience.

The prayers of so many brothers and sisters who are asking God for your recovery are a clear manifestation that you are in our hearts as a father and pastor.

We entrust you to the maternal care of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who today also says to you: "Am I not here, I who am your mother?"

Signed: Members of the presidencyCELAM

Meeting "Fratelli tutti: Politics, Dialogue and Social Friendship" brought together Catholic leaders



From February 10th to 14th, Casa Lago, the headquarters of the Mexican Episcopal Conference, served as the meeting point for the event "Fratelli tutti: Politics, Dialogue, and Social Friendship", organized by the Pontifical Commission for Latin America and CELAM. The event brought together Catholics with political responsibilities and pastors from Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean, with the goal of promoting a culture of encounter and reducing polarization in the region, in line with the principles of Pope Francis' encyclical.

During the meeting, Bishop Lizardo Estrada, Secretary General of CE-LAM, underscored the urgent need to strengthen institutions and improve the quality of politics in the region. In his speech, he emphasized that the solution to these challenges lies not only in a change of communication strategy, but in a profound transformation driven by citizens and communities.

He also addressed the interconnection between politics, economics, and society, highlighting the importance of viewing reality through the eyes of faith. Estrada emphasized that good politics and sound econo-

mics are fundamental elements for social transformation, inviting participants to reflect on their impact on the daily lives of people.

The event is part of the Catholic Church's efforts to promote dialogue and social fraternity in the region, following the guidelines established in Pope Francis' Fratelli tutti encyclical.

The event's methodology was based on spiritual conversation, a process in which participants reflected in small groups on the social and political challenges of their countries, in light of the Church's teaching.

Among the specific objectives were: to synodally listen to the expectations of Catholics with political responsibilities regarding the role of the Church in the region; to reflect on the challenges of political and social life based on the Fratelli tutti encyclical; and to seek concrete ways to foster social friendship and the common good.

First Meeting of leaders and coordinators of digital missionary communities



At the feet of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, from February 21st to 24th, the First Meeting of Leaders and Coordinators of Digital Missionary Communities of Latin America and the Caribbean took place. This event was an initiative led by the Center for Communication (CPC) of CELAM, in collaboration with the Dicastery for Communication of the Holy See.

The event brought together 46 leaders from digital pastoral and digital missionary communities from 20 countries, some representing their Episcopal Conferences, others involved in the synodal process of 'The Church Listens to You,' and representatives from other organizations such as the Latin American and Caribbean Confederation of Religious (CLAR), Caritas Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Fe y Vida Institute, a leading organization for Hispanic pastoral care in the United States.

The purpose of this meeting was to establish the Latin American and Caribbean network of digital missionaries called "Conectados," inspired by the Magisterium of Pope Francis, and in continuity with the synodal process. This process views the mission in the digital space as one of the paths to create a synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission.

The network will focus on six key areas: (1) content and advocacy; (2) missionary formation; (3) relationships with bishops and major superiors; (4) missionary communities; (5) technology and AI; (6) financing and sustainability.

The opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe was a moment of grace with deep spiritual significance. The meeting also served as a valuable opportunity to foster the "culture of encounter" and share experiences and "best practices" in digital pastoral care, offering spaces for formation and interior growth.

Five bishops, nine priests, three religious sisters, 14 laywomen, and 15 laymen and women from 20 countries participated: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatema-la, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Repu-

blic, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, and the Vatican.

See all the information about the meeting here: https://adn.CELAM.org/tag/conecta2/

Latin American version of the Hymn of the Jubilee of Hope



Since February 12th, the Latin American and Caribbean version of the Jubilee Hymn has been available on all digital music platforms worldwide.

This adaptation was entrusted by the General Secretariat of CELAM to Venezuelan singer and composer Juan Delgado, who won a Grammy in 2019. He gathered a large group of Catholic musicians from all over the continent, including Cristóbal Fones, SJ (Chile - Italy), Kairy Marquez (USA - Dominican Republic), Vero Sanfilippo (Argentina), Martin Valverde Rojas (Costa Rica - Mexico), Paulina Rojas (Chile - Colombia),

Azeneth Gonzalez (Mexico), Celinés Díaz (Dominican Republic), Fruto Del Madero: Tomas Romero, Sofia Romero, and Nicolás (Colombia).

Other participants included Pablo Martinez (Argentina), Ana Bolívar (Colombia), Itala and Juanjo (Peru and Paraguay), Marco López (Chile - Mexico), Juan Pablo Alvarado (Ecuador), Kenia Moreno (Panama), Silvia Mariela Vera (Paraguay), Joaquín Chávez (Argentina), and Coro Levi (Miami).

"Pilgrims of Hope" was written by Professor Pierangelo Sequeri, a theologian and music expert. The adaptation by CELAM blends various Latin American rhythms. Juan Delgado served as the arranger and took creative direction for this Latin American and Caribbean version. He explained that they incorporated batucada rhythms and added modern beats that are well-known in Latin American popular music, such as reggaeton and other urban rhythms. The charango, an Andean instrument used in the folk music of Argentina, Bolivia, and Chile, as well as Brazilian percussion, were also included.

The CELAM Center for Communication has also led the graphic and multimedia project to promote the Hymn across various CELAM digital platforms. Two weeks after the video was launched on CELAM's YouTube channel, it had already surpassed 60,000 views, tripling the channel's most viewed video historically.

Jubilee Hymn: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6w6tHpwl o

How was the Latin American version of the Jubilee hymn made?: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWCEMgaiPgs

Course for musicians: Instruments to follow the Maestro



The course for musicians, "Instruments to Follow the Master," was held at the CELAM headquarters from February 17th to 22nd. This second edition of the training program saw the participation of 60 people from 14 countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, the United States, and Spain.

Once again, the musicians had the opportunity to grow in biblical, theological, ecclesial, human, spiritual, production, and technical topics, which encouraged them to focus on their role as servants in their communities and evangelizers through musical art.

Fr. Pedro Brassesco, the promoter of the course alongside Francisco "Pacho" Bermeo (coordinator), highlighted the importance of CELAM continuing to support these spaces for evangelization, emphasizing that "we are simple workers, instruments of the Lord, so that others may also encounter Him, follow Him, and proclaim Him," he said. He also stressed

that the course was designed to promote synodal processes, aiming not only to receive knowledge but also to share talents, gifts, and charisms.

The course, certified by CEBITEPAL, was sponsored by the Dicastery for Culture and Education and featured a team of renowned professors and distinguished musicians from the continent: Ziza Fernandez (Brazil), Daniel Poli (Argentina), Rafael Moreno (Mexico), Pablo Martínez (Argentina), Juan Delgado (USA), Fabrizio Catenassi (Brazil), Fr. Pedro Brassesco (CELAM), and Francisco "Pacho" Bermeo (Colombia).

During the training days, participants also had a missionary experience in 16 parishes, where they shared their talents with the communities. On Friday, the 21st, they were part of a concert, "Voices of Hope," held at the Minuto de Dios Theater in Bogotá, with more than 750 spectators in attendance.

Cardinal Jaime Spengler, President of CELAM, presided over one of the morning Eucharists and greeted the musicians, reminding them of Dostoyevsky's phrase: "Beauty will save the world," encouraging them to be instruments of this beauty of faith through music.

Latin American and Caribbean Church met in Brasilia to prepare the way for COP30

Leaders of the Catholic Church in Latin America and the Caribbean gathered in Brasília, Brazil, on February 17th and 18th, where they discussed strategies for the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30), set to take place in Belém, Brazil, in November 2025.

The meeting, themed "Pilgrims of Hope on the Road to COP30," was attended by the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil (CNBB), the local initiative "Church on the Way to COP30," the Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM), and Caritas Latin America and the Caribbean.

During the meeting, participants reviewed the Church's recent work on climate change, including contributions to the Pan-Amazon Social Forum (FOSPA), COP28, and COP16. They also discussed the Church's priorities for COP30 and developed advocacy and communication strategies to strengthen the Church's role in fighting the serious socio-environmental crisis.



The main goal of the meeting was to unify ecclesial initiatives and promote active participation in political and civil society spheres, at local, regional, and international levels, following the Latin American Laudate Deum Route within the context of the Jubilee Year.

Cardinal Jaime Spengler, Archbishop of Porto Alegre and president of CELAM and CNBB, emphasized that the aim is to build a path that helps our people and communities to increasingly understand the global implications of this conference.

CELAM participated in the process through the Center for Pastoral Action Programs and Networks (CEPRAP), led by its director, Fr. Francisco Hernández. César Piscoya, a member of the Center, highlighted that "opportunities are being created from all the efforts that networks, platforms, and commissions are working on to support a Church that is concerned and seeks to raise awareness and sensitivity regarding this climate crisis."

CELAM greets the bishops of Colombia at their Plenary Assembly



Fr. Pedro Brassesco, Assistant Secretary General of CELAM, conveyed to the Bishops of Colombia a greeting from the Presidency of the organization at the start of the sessions of the CXVIII Plenary Assembly, held from February 3rd to 7th.

Recalling the violent events that occurred in recent weeks in the Colombian region of Catatumbo, he highlighted "the various efforts made by the bishops to ensure that the light of life we receive from the Risen Jesus prevails over the darkness of violence." He then emphasized the role of pastors in the face of such events. "You are ambassadors of our Lord Jesus Christ, witnesses and makers of mercy, artisans of justice, peace, and reconciliation, and banners of the truth that sets us free," he stated.

Fr. Brassesco reminded them that our posture as pilgrims of hope must lead us to recognize that we must continue journeying alongside the Holy People of God, particularly in the "implementation phase" of the Synod on Synodality, which, guided by the orientations offered by the

Final Document and the illumination of the Holy Spirit, "will continue to rejuvenate the Church with the power of the Gospel." This is an ideal proposed by Pope Francis, inviting us to bring the Synod's principles of communion, participation, and mission to life.

To achieve this, he warned that it is necessary to consider the missionary dimension of synodality, meaning to receive it as a social prophecy, as presented in the Final Document of the Synod. It is an experience that is verified daily because "the synodal way of living relationships is a form of testimony in relation to society."

In this regard, he insisted that the preferential option for the poor becomes a call to which we must respond as a Church: "to be poor with the poor." A reality that, in his words, challenges us, because often the poor make up the majority of the faithful, making it crucial to "listen to them and consider them as subjects of evangelization, learning together to recognize the charisms they receive from the Spirit."

CEPRAP's Platforms and Networks Meeting



The second Meeting of Platforms and Networks of the CEPRAP took place at the CELAM headquarters from February 4th to 6th, with the purpose of evaluating the nature and activities of each of the processes within the center and identifying aspects of spiritual and political unity that strengthen their synodal action.

Intense moments of spirituality were experienced, creating spaces for prayer, fraternity, and trust. Additionally, forms of organization, participation, articulation, co-responsibility, and accompaniment in pastoral processes were defined to provide greater coherence and structure.

During the meeting, consensus was reached on a strategy that will allow for the implementation and follow-up of the agreements made, in order to strengthen the collective identity and work, as well as the agreed proposals for a joint prophetic action plan to enhance the work of CEPRAP.

Third Edition of the Theological-Pastoral Refresher Course for Bishops



Between February 24th and 28th, CEBITEPAL held the third edition of the Theological-Pastoral Refresher Course for Bishops at the CELAM headquarters in Bogotá.

The course was guided by Fr. José San José Prisco and Dr. Rafael Luciani, who explored key topics relevant to the episcopal ministry, such as the role of episcopal conferences in pastoral work and pastoral opportunities from the perspective of canon law. The course provided practical tools to strengthen the bishops' mission within the Church, promoting a pastoral ministry in harmony with the synodal spirit.

Knowledge Management Center initiates six new research projects

As part of CELAM's commitment to strengthening reflection and discernment in the pastoral field, the Socioanthropological and Pastoral Observatory (OSAP) of CELAM's Knowledge Management Center announced the results of its 2025 research proposal call. Out of a total of 30 projects submitted, six were selected after a rigorous evaluation process.

The six projects approved for development in 2025 address issues of significant value to the Church and Latin American society. Among the selected projects are:

- "Understanding the ways in which young Latin Americans live and express their religiosity: A review of the literature on Latin America and CELAM regions," by the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.
- "Research on the institutional and pastoral capacities of Catholic Church organizations defending the rights of migrants in Mexico and Central America in response to changes in U.S. migration policies starting in January 2025," by the Socio-Pastoral Observatory of Human Mobility of Mesoamerica and the Caribbean (OSMECA), Costa Rica.

 "New agents restricting religious freedom in Latin America," by the Center for Advanced Social Research (CISAV), Mexico, focusing on: Religious freedom, the expression of faith, and martyrdom in Latin America.

Other selected proposals within the framework of the Knowledge Management Center's prioritized topics include:

- "Causes and consequences of human trafficking for sexual exploitation: A pastoral perspective from the Adoratriz presence in the Andean Region," by the Catholic University of Manizales, Colombia.
- "Strategic rivalry between the United States and China in Latin America and the Caribbean: Economic, geopolitical impacts, and challenges to regional integration," by the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP), Brazil, on the topic of: The new geopolitical framework in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Finally, "Fair and inclusive energy transition in sustainable agriculture for Integral Human Development: Guidelines from a humanistic gift economy perspective," by Austral University, Faculty of Communication, CIMA, and the Catholic University of Cordoba, both from Argentina.

CELAM at OSMECA Assembly

The Ordinary Assembly of the Socio-Pastoral Observatory of Human Mobility of Mesoamerica and the Caribbean (OSMECA), which took place from February 11th to 13th in Panama City, concluded on Thurs-day, February 13th, with a call to strengthen the attention and accom-paniment of migrants in the region. The meeting brought together bi-shops and executive secretaries of the Human Mobility Pastorals from Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.



During the meeting, participants had the opportunity to reflect on the migration phenomenon affecting the region, concluding that it is urgent to join efforts to strengthen pastoral action on human mobility and address the current challenges.

An evaluation and strategy design session took place, aimed at consolidating OSMECA's management and improving coordination with existing organizations. A space for dialogue was also created to analyze the current migration context and the urgent need to advance a regional planning process that integrates the experiences of the Red Clamor and other ecclesial organizations related to this pastoral work.

Another focus of reflection was the Regional Pastoral Letter "He saw, approached, and cared for him," a message delivered in November by bishops from Canada, the United States, Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. The letter emphasizes that this "is not a pastoral approach of theories and abstract concepts, but one that touches pain, allowing ourselves to be vulnerable to the experience of others." It also stresses that accompanying migrants is not just a theoretical exercise but a concrete experience of empathy and solidarity.

The meeting was attended by CELAM representatives, including Monsignor Domingo Ulloa, second vice-president; Father Francisco Hernández, director of the Center for Pastoral Action Programs and Networks (CE-PRAP); and Elvy Monzant, executive secretary of the Clamor Network.

Discussion on the immigration crisis in the U.S.



On January 31st, the Latin American and Caribbean Ecclesial Network on Migration, Displacement, Refuge and Human Trafficking (Clamor) held a virtual discussion on the theme "Scenarios and Challenges of President Trump's Migration Policies." The session, which filled the Zoom room, served to analyze the measures adopted by the U.S. government and their impact on the migrant population.

Dylan Corbett, director of the Hope Border Institute, said the measures will remove the possibility of asylum at the border, increase the number of deportations, increase detention, reduce legal immigration channels, and eliminate foreign aid.

The executive warned that these policies seek to sow fear in the migrant population and leave hundreds of people in a vulnerable condition. He added that the closure of protection programs and the end of the "sensitive locations" policy will facilitate raids in places such as hospitals, schools, and churches, which were previously considered safe.

Mark Seitz, Bishop of El Paso, Texas, stressed the importance of ecclesial collaboration across borders to address the migration crisis. He thanked the Clamor Network for the invitation and acknowledged the leadership of Cardinal Alvaro Ramazzini and Bishop Eugenio Lira, with whom, he said, he has initiated regular meetings to strengthen pastoral care and the defense of the human rights of those seeking asylum.

Lira, Bishop of Matamoros and president of the Pastoral de Movilidad Humana de México, mentioned that all the restrictive measures being taken by the U.S. administration violate the fundamental rights of migrants. All this, he warned, not only affects those who come in search of a better opportunity, but also impacts the stability of families and communities, and destabilizes the economies of both this country and the countries of origin.

To see the complete conversation:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jW61QHixNBk&t=1s

CELAM's journey in February

CEILAC's dynamic team meeting

On February 3rd, the dynamic team of the Integral Ecology Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean (CEILAC) met to discuss how to strengthen collaboration and advocacy within the Catholic Church in the region. To achieve this, it was proposed to establish a calendar of monthly meetings for the sub-commissions, as well as meetings every two months for an expanded commission. In addition, it was agreed that the assembly will meet three times a year, which will allow for more effective and constant coordination.

One of the key points discussed was the promotion and education on integral ecology, as well as the importance of connecting agendas with other networks to strengthen the advocacy capacity of civil society. The need to revitalize governance spaces and plan actions around the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Laudate Deum route was highlighted. This will involve careful and coordinated planning to maximize impact in international forums.

It was mentioned that three coordinated commissions would be created: one focused on formation, another on advocacy, and a third on internal coordination and with the Episcopal Conferences. The energy transition and ecological conversion were also discussed, as well as the planning of a water campaign and alternatives for good living.

Meeting of the Child Centrality Program (PCN)

On February 3rd, with the participation of ten members of the network, the meeting-assembly of the PCN was held. During the meeting, the work report for the year 2024 was presented, highlighting the formative itineraries in the different countries and the participation of 560,000 people in the "Footprints of Tenderness" Walk. There are already national PCNs in 17 countries, but the goal is to establish a presence in all the Episcopal Conferences, to continue strengthening those that have already been integrated, and to increase the number of multipliers of tenderness and good treatment. It is estimated that 600 multipliers from 15 countries have completed the respective training to become accredited as such. There has also been coordination with other networks, and a second Latin American and Caribbean meeting is planned to be held in El Salvador from September 24th-26th.

Human Rights, Peace and Democracy Platform Meeting

During the meeting held from February 4th to 6th, an analysis was made of the current situation of the platform, the work plan was reviewed, and the process of the "Life Hangs by a Thread" Campaign was evaluated.

It was decided to become more involved in training processes. The "Walking for Peace Community of Practice" could be key to addressing these needs. It was also considered important to continue with contextual and "incarnational" training.

In the "Life Hangs by a Thread" campaign, we continue to coordinate with other organizations and plan to extend it beyond the initially established year. To this end, it is necessary to continue developing the communication and advocacy policy, with the States, with civil society, also coordinating with the bodies of the Holy See.

CEILAC towards COP30

On February 6th, a meeting of CEILAC members took place to advance the organization of their presence at COP30, which will be held in Brazil in November of this year. At the meeting, a call to action was made for all participants to organize and prepare to ensure that the voices of the communities are heard and considered in the decisions that affect their territories and their future.

It was proposed to join efforts between different campaigns to strengthen resistance and pressure on the negotiations, highlighting the importance of the energy transition and divestment from mining. It was also emphasized the need to prepare a representative document that can be presented to the bishops' conferences and other relevant actors, ensuring its alignment with the COP agenda and its relevance in political discussions.

Meeting of Redlapsi and CEPRAP members

During the meeting held on February 6th, important events and documents were planned to advance the proposed objectives at the national and international levels. Several topics related to life and the family were discussed, inspired by the Pope's call to reflect on the problems affecting them.

Emphasis was placed on the need to adopt a broader view that is not limited to pro-life or marriage issues, but also encompasses social and political aspects that impact families in Latin America and the Caribbean. This comprehensive perspective seeks to better understand how social and political dynamics influence family life.

It was proposed to organize a Congress in Rome, centered on "Jubilee discernment on the social and political dimension of families." The goal is to address how various realities, such as work, migration, and ecology, affect families and how they can respond to these challenges. The importance of including the perspective of families in public policies—an

aspect that is often overlooked—was highlighted. The idea is that families should not only be seen as recipients of policies, but also as actors capable of influencing their own destiny.

Organized Labor Network Meeting

The meeting held on February 6th addressed various topics related to the creation and strengthening of the network, as well as the inclusion of other stakeholders in the labor field.

One of the key points was the need to establish an organic dynamic that would allow for the continuity of the network. The need to reconvene the participants to present a draft proposal and generate a constructive dialogue was emphasized. This will allow all those involved to feel part of the process and actively contribute to its development.

The possibility of replicating the meeting was raised, including representatives from North America, specifically from the United States and Canada, as well as from the Iberian Peninsula, with the aim of integrating Ibero-America into this effort.

Finally, the need to build a network that is not only representative of labor interests but also integrates elements of pastoral care and interreligious collaboration, promoting a new paradigm of joint work between social movements and labor organizations, was highlighted.

Center for Socio-Environmental Justice and Good Living of the

At the February 18th meeting, the proposal for the Saber Platform was presented, and feedback was provided as a fundamental tool of the Network for the identification, visibility, and strengthening of territorial processes related to socio-environmental justice and Good Living.

Núcleo de Derechos Humanos de la REPAM: Advocacy Commission

A training webinar on the Right to Water was held on February 19th. It was developed as part of the agreements in the work plan of the core; the training aims to provide tools to strengthen the foundations and actions of the network, responding to the priority defined by the Network for 2025: the right to water.

Tribute to the 45th anniversary of the martyrdom of Saint Oscar Romero

During the month of February, three meetings were held to advance the organization of a celebration to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Oscar Romero on March 24th. CEPRAP, together with Cafod (Catholic international development charity), the Center for Communication, and other organizations, are coordinating the program for the event, which will be part of the "Life Hangs by a Thread" campaign.

It will include the participation of the Bishops' Conference of the United Kingdom and the Common Good Organization.

International Seminar "KAAD's Work in Latin America - Between Academic and Pastoral-Social Commitment".

On February 23rd, Father Fabio Antunes, director of CEBITEPAL, chaired a lecture and discussion at the International Seminar "The Work of KAAD in Latin America - Between Academic Commitment and Pastoral-Social Engagement." During the event, participants from various Latin American countries shared their experiences and reflected on the future services that KAAD could offer. They also discussed the priorities

to be established and the partnerships to be continued or developed, in a context marked by the financial limitations of the institution and the dynamics of the university system in the region.



The seminar emphasized the importance of giving the Church a voice in academia, forming Catholic professionals with a strong social conscience, as well as more deeply integrating the pastoral and social needs of local churches into their work.

Meeting of Organizations Faith-Based (FBOs) on COP30

The objective of the meeting was to learn about the International Ecumenical Coordination for COP30. Those present were updated on the work done in logistics and advocacy. It was also discussed how to ensure that the United States' departure from the Paris Agreement does not trigger similar actions in other countries in the region. It was agreed to unite all efforts to act as an organized bloc to influence the decisions of COP30 in November and its previous meetings.

REPAM Women's Nucleus

On February 27th, a webinar was held on "Water and the Cry of Women's Resistance," which provided insights into the socio-water issues and conflicts present in the territories of the Pan-Amazon. It also highlighted the impacts on the lives of women and communities, as well as their mechanisms of resistance in defense of dignified life, territory, and the Common Home.

Meetings of the Organizing Team of the Meeting of Native Women of Latin America and the Caribbean

On February 13th and 28th, meetings were held with the base team, during which the organization of the First Virtual Meeting of Indigenous Women of the Continent was reactivated. The proposal was reviewed, and a work plan was outlined for the convocation of the different networks and pastoral teams in the 4 regions. The meeting will be held on May 31st, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Colombia time.

Meetings of the Steering Committee of the Women in the Church and Society Axis

These took place on February 13th and 27th, and allowed progress in the design, organization, and development of priorities for the first semester of 2025, such as the March 8th Campaign in the framework of International Women's Day and the Jubilee of Hope; the continuation of the mapping of disruptive women, the publication of the proceedings of the process in collaboration with the CELAM publishing house, and the II Regional Meeting of Women in Synodality, this time in the Mesoamerica region.

Publications

Deacons in a synodal Church



Author: Luca Garbinetto. Synodality Booklets 5

The Second Vatican Council was tasked with restoring the diaconate in its most appropriate form, returning it to the Church as a permanent way of living the vocation to service within the sacrament of Orders. The synthesis report of the first ordinary session of the Synod, held in October 2023, rightly placed this ministerial role in close connection with the presbyters. However, it also affirms that "from a theological point of view, there is a need to understand the diaconate primarily in itself, and not just as a stage leading

to the presbyterate." This is the purpose of this booklet, which reflects on the issue presented by the Instrumentum Laboris of the Synod: "How to understand the ministry of the permanent diaconate within a missionary synodal Church?"

This book is a co-publication of Editorial Claretiana and Editorial CELAM.

Buy the book at: https://editorial.celam.org/

Bishops and Priests in a Synodal Church



Author: Giacomo Conobbio Synodality Booklets 4

Pope Francis, in his speech on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Synod of Bishops by Pope Paul VI, used the image of the inverted pyramid, with its apex at the base. In this way, he illustrated that listening to all the faithful leads the Church's authority to make decisions after gathering the opinions of all the participants. In this way, the sensus fidei of all the faithful is revalued, without undermining the role of authority. However, the question is shifted to

the relationship between ordained ministers and the other faithful, and, in our case, to the relationship between bishops and priests.

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Forthcoming publications:

Itinerary of preparation for the Jubilee of Catechists 2025. Author Marcial Riveros.

Practical Theology and PracticesSynodality. Authors: Antonio Ernesto Palafox, Geraldo Luiz De Mori, Marcela Mazzini, Olvani Sánchez.

Decolonial Thought: Blacks in Catholicism. Author: Fr. Venanzio

Contributions of school religious education to the culture of peace. Co-published by USTA

Truth and reparation: discerning about the abuse of adults in the Church. Author: Commission for the protection of minors of CLAR. Coord. Sister María Rosaura González.

Church with an Amazonian heart. Author: Fr. Julio Caldeira.

Let us move forward into deeper waters. Author: Fr. Julio Caldeira.

Communicating the faith in the society of spectacle. Pastoral perspectives in the light of the teachings of Pope Francis and in times of synodality. Author: Óscar Elizalde Prada

The attitude of listening. Reflections and narrative approaches in the perspective of synodality. Author: Fernando Vásquez Rodríguez.

The Church in the digital era. Reputation management and crisis communication with a synodal perspective. Author: Albertina Navas.

Episcopal appointments

- February 1st: Pope Francis appointed Bishop José María Baliña auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Chascomús (Argentina), assigning him the titular see of Ubaza.
- February 5th: Pope Francis appointed, as coadjutor bishop of the diocese of Bishop Waldemar (Brazil). Passini Dalbello, until now bishop of Luziânia Anapolis
- February 11th: Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Gilberto Alfredo Vizcarra Mori, S.I., metropolitan archbishop of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Trujillo (Peru), transferring him from the titular see of Autenti and the office of Vicar Apostolic of Jaen in Peru or San Francisco Javier.
- February 11th: Pope Francis appointed Bishop Juan María Huerta Muro, O.F.M., until now bishop prelate of El Salto, as bishop of Xochimilco (Mexico).
- February 13th: Pope Francis appointed Bishop Marcelo Fabian Argentina), as apostolic administrator of the diocese of San Rafael (Argentina). Mazzitelli, auxiliary bishop of Mendoza (
- February 14th: Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Vítor, as metropolitan archbishop of Vitória da Conquista (Brazil). Agnaldo de Menezes, until now bishop of the diocese of Propriá
- Antônio Ranis Rosendo Dos Santos, C.Ss.R., until now pastor of .Santíssimo Redentor in Arapiraca-AL, in the diocese of Penedo, has been appointed bishop of Caicó (Brazil) by Pope Francis
- February 17th: Pope Francis has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Grajaú (Brazil) Father Giuseppe Luigi Spiga, of the clergy

- of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Cagliari (Italy), Fidei Donum in the diocese of Viana (Brazil), until now vicar general of the same diocese and rector of the Major Seminary São .Bonifácio
- February 24th: Pope Francis appointed Bishop Joaquim Giovani Mol Guimarães as coadjutor bishop of the diocese of Santos (Brazil), transferring him from the titular see of Galtellì and the auxiliary office of Belo Horizonte.
- February 25th: Pope Francis appointed as bishop of the diocese of Bishop (Brazil), Luiz Antônio Lopes Ricci transferring him from the see of Nova Friburgo. Itapetininga
- February 25th: Pope Francis appointed bishop of the diocese of Bishop (Brazil), Jailton de Oliveira Lino, P.S.D.P., P.S.D.P., transferring him from the see of Teixeira de Freitas-Caravelas. Itabuna
- February 25th: Pope Francis has appointed as auxiliary bishops of the metropolitan archdiocese of São Sebastião do Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) Father Joselito Ramalho Nogueira, of the clergy of the diocese of Cachoeiro de Itapemirim, until now vicar general and pastor of Santo Antônio de Pádua in Rio Novo do Sul-ES, assigning him the titular see of Tino; Father Hiansen Vieira Franco, of the clergy of the Diocese of Guaxupé, until now rector of the Santo Diocesan SeminaryAntônio, was assigned the titular see of Tigava; and Father José Maria Pereira, of the clergy of the Diocese of Petrópolis, until now vicar general and pastor of São José in Petrópolis-RJ, was assigned the titular see of Sigo.
- February 26th: Pope Francis appointed Archbishop José Francisco González, as metropolitan archbishop of Tuxtla Gutiérrez (Mexico). González, until now bishop of Campeche
- February 26th: Pope Francis has appointed as bishop prelate of Jesús María (Mexico)Father Andrés Sáinz Márquez, a member of the clergy of the Diocese of San Juan de los Lagos, until now parochial administrator of Santa María. Traspontina,

Resignations

- February 11th: Pope Francis accepted the resignation from the pastoral government of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Trujillo (Peru), presented by H.E. Msgr. Héctor Miguel Cabrejos Vidarte, O.F.M.
- February 11th: Pope Francis accepted the resignation from the pastoral government of the diocese of Xochimilco (Mexico), presented by Bishop Andrés Vargas Peña.
- February 13th: Pope Francis accepted the resignation from the pastoral government of the Diocese of San Rafael (Argentina) presented by Bishop Carlos María Domínguez, O.A.R.
- February 22nd: Pope Francis accepted the resignation from the pastoral government of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Corrientes (Argentina), presented by Bishop Andrés Stanovnik, O.F.M. Cap. He is succeeded by Bishop José Adolfo Larregain, O.F.M., until now coadjutor archbishop of the same archdiocese.
- Feb. 25th: Pope Francis has accepted the resignation from the office of auxiliary of the metropolitan archdiocese of São Sebastião do Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) presented by Bishop Antônio Augusto Dias Duarte, titular bishop of Tuscamia.
- February 25th: Pope Francis has accepted the resignation from the pastoral government of the Diocese of Itapetininga (Brazil) presented by Bishop Gorgônio Alves da Encarnação Neto, C.R.

Deaths

- Fabio de Jesús Morales Grisales, , Bishop C.Ss.R.Emeritus of Mocoa-Sibundoy, Colombia.
- Edgerton Roland Clarke, Archbishop Emeritus of Kingston in Jamaica, West Indies.
- Germán Trajano Pavón Puente, bishop emeritus of Ambato, Ecuador.

Upcoming courses and diplomas

Resource for a Church in management action

The intensive course "Resource for a Church in Management Action", with Gisella Rivera Reyes, offers practical tools to optimize resources and develop projects that benefit communities.

Date: March 10th to 14th.

Registration: https://bit.ly/4qBoeuY

Discernment and pastoral for a Churchplanning synodal and transforming

From March 11th to April 23rd, CEBITEPAL will hold the virtual course "Discernment and pastoral for a Churchplanning synodal and transforming", a unique opportunity to train you as a leader committed to the synodal process of the Church in Latin America.

Date: March 11th to April 23rd.

Registration: https://bit.ly/4hyVN21

Diploma in addiction and prevention listening

The problem of addictions is a global challenge that requires comprehensive and multidisciplinary responses. Join the "Diploma in addiction and prevention listening".

Date: March 13th to May 22nd.

Registration: https://bit.ly/4qEoMQH

Female : discipleshipthe women of the Gospel of Mark

The Gospel of Mark highlights the faith and service of women in following Jesus. The course virtual "Women's Discipleship" invites you to rediscover their transforming role in the Church, promoting justice, inclusion and synodality.

Dates: April 9th to July 23rd.

Registration: https://bit.ly/433b5HJ

Laudato Si' and urban: .spaceshow to think about sustainable architecture in the perspective of integral ecology

Training inspired by Laudato Si', connecting sustainability, social justice and the Church's commitment to the environment. Ideal for pastoral agents, architects, engineers and construction professionals.

Date: April 2nd to 30th.

Registration: https://bit.ly/3QIMeaB

Rethinking theology

CEBITEPAL has open registration for the virtual course "Rethinking Theology", an updated theological formation from a Latin American perspective, in dialogue with contemporary theology. Designed to strengthen missionary discipleship, this course seeks to support pastoral discernment and synodality in ecclesial communities.

Date: April 21st to May 16th.

Registration: https://bit.ly/42Yhu7b

Canonical in Licentiate Pastoral 2025 -2026Theology

Registration is still open for the licentiate canonical in pastoral . This program strengthens theological and pastoral formation with a critical and proactive perspective. With a solid ecclesiological foundation, it promotes dialogue with reality, the culture of encounter and the synodal spirit. theology

On-site module: from April 29th to June 20th.

Information: licenciatura.CELAM.

XLVI Course Latin American for Major Seminary Formators

The Organization of Latin American Seminaries (Oslam) and CELAM invite you to the XLVI Course Latin American for Formators of Major Seminaries, to be held in Bogota, Colombia.

Date: June 30th to July 18th.

Registration: https://forms.gle/bx5FUAsyARXY72bN9

Upcoming meetings

- March 10th-14th: Regional Meeting of Episcopal Conferences of Bolivarian countries (Peru).
- March 10th to 14th: Meeting of institutions and ecclesiastical aid organizations for the Church (Germany).
- March 10th to 12th: Meeting REMAM(Honduras).
- March 17th-21st: Regional Meeting of Caribbean Bishops' Conferences (Dominican)Republic.
- March 24th to 28th: Regional Meeting of Episcopal Conferences of the Southern Cone (Argentina).
- March 28th and 29th: Meeting of the Global Education Pact (Argentina).
- March 31st to April 6th: workshop.CEPRAP-Caritas advocacy
- May 1st to 4th: Assembly of the Latin American Confederation of Religious - CLAR (Ecuador).
- May 19th-23rd: Meeting of the Network for the Protection of Life in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- May 20th-23rd: Latin American and Caribbean meeting of Catholic television (Brazil)directors and producers.
- May 26th-30th: 40th Ordinary General Assembly of CELAM.
- June 4th to 6th: Assembly ODUCAL(Dominican Republic).
- July 1st to 3rd: Ecumenical Encounter Nicea 1700 (Guatemala).
- July 17th and 18th: Meeting of the Presidency at CELAM.
- July 31st and August 1st: Meeting of the Library Network (CE-LAM headquarters).

- July 22th-24th: Meeting of the Coordination Committee (CE-LAM)headquarters.
- July 25th-27th: Meeting of the Network of Catholic Communicators of Latin America and the Caribbean (RECLAC)
- August 26th-28th: Latin American and Caribbean meeting of Catholic radio station (Peru)directors.
- September 1st to 6th: Assembly REMAM(El Salvador).
- September 2nd to 4th: Latin American and Caribbean meeting on the culture of care prevention commissions (Dominican Republic).
- September 7th to 14th: Red Clamor Assembly.
- September 15th-19th: Assembly of the Justice and Peace Network of the Patria Grande (CELAM).
- September 17th-19th: Meeting "Discernment Hopeful on the Jubilee Future of the Family in Latin America and the Caribbean. And launching of the School of Social Thought (Rome).
- September 24th to 26th: II Latin American and Caribbean Meeting of the Centralidad de la Niñez Program PCN (El Salvador).
- October 26th to November 1st: Meeting of catechetical commissions (Mexico).
- November 1st to 7th: XVI EPA Pastoral Afro (Argentina).
- November 10th to 21st: COP 30 (Brazil).
- November 18th to 20th: Face-to-face meeting of the Coordination Committee.

Agreements signed

Institution	Object
Fundación Universitaria Católica del Norte, Inter-American Institute for Peace and Reconciliation Inspyre - Colombia and Mexico.	International Diploma in Peacebuilding and Social Transformation of Conflicts.
Collaboration Agreement Instituto Fe y Vida - USA.	Work together in areas of common interest, in order to undertake cooperation based on the establishment of mutually beneficial relationships in the areas of teaching, research, and linkage with the environment, in continuing education and postgraduate programs.
Foundation - Universidad Lati- noamericana de las Periferias ULPE - Argentina	Work together in areas of common interest, in order to undertake cooperation based on the establishment of mutually beneficial relationships in the areas of teaching, research and linkage with the environment in continuing education and postgraduate programs.
Inversión Social Estratégica S.A. (ZIGLA) - Uruguay	Fostering a more synodal and collaborative model of cooperation within the Catholic Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, a network of organizations will gather at the LAC 2025 Synodal Cooperation Meeting to share experiences, best practices and challenges encountered in their work. This exchange will not only enrich the collective knowledge, but will also provide a platform to strengthen solidarity, synergy and coordination.

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 February:

CELAM DNA

- Feb 1st BREAKING NEWS DNA CELAM Jubilee of communicators https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eag6IZXvCLE
- Feb 8th BREAKING NEWS DNA CELAM https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=nV6hvdIrLVE
- Feb 16th CELAM DNA BREAKING NEWS https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=MZ7QNaJI7bU
- Feb 23rd BREAKING NEWS DNA CELAM https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=oA4vhNbh8n0
- Feb 24th BREAKING NEWS DNA CELAM https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=pm0aH5EW90U

Reflections for the road

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HwckmCuefw

DNA 60"

- February 8th: https://youtube.com/shorts/dl7rflAsKjk?si=0U-12rwl PTi6vmTkW
- February 15th: https://youtube.com/shorts/1pJF7aKeGuo?si=dUqymA3Z7z9A27h7
- February 22nd: https://youtube.com/shorts/QFNMPoRVgbo?-si=9h7rIDBIwt4jLEAQ

Special coverings

During the month of February, the Center for Communication CELAM provided special coverage of the Musicians 2025 Course, the First Meeting of Leaders and Coordinators of Digital Missionary Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean, the CAMEX Regional Meeting and the CEPRAP Networks and Platforms Meeting.

Transmissions

February 2nd - Launching of the "Paddling Upstream for Water and Lifecampaign" https://www.youtube.com/live/8B-dAoxOrbHq

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