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Acronym

ALMA: Latin American and Caribbean Alliance of Catholic Audiovisual Media.

CEAMA: Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon.

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

CGC: CELAM Knowledge Management Center.

CEILAC: Commission for Integral Ecology of Latin America and the Caribbean.

CELAM: Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council.

CLAR: Latin American Confederation of Religious Men and Women.

CLACSO: Latin American and Caribbean Council of Social Sciences.

CNBB: National Conference of Bishops of Brazil.

CEPRAP: CELAM Center for Pastoral Programs and Action Networks.

CIEC: Inter-American Confederation of Catholic Education.

COP: Conference of the Parties.

CPC: CELAM Center for Communication.

ECOSOC: United Nations Economic and Social Council.

FABC: Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences.

FIUC: International Federation of Catholic Universities.

LACAM: Network of Catholic Women Leaders of African Descent in the Americas.

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

OSLAM: Organization of Latin American Seminaries.

OSMECA: Socio-Pastoral Observatory on Human Mobility in Meso-america and the Caribbean.

PAGAICEYNA: Inculturated Garifuna Pastoral Ministry in Central America and the Caribbean.

PCAL: Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

PCN: Child-Centered Approach Program

PEG: Global Education Pact.

PLAPA: Latin American Pastoral Ministry for the Accompaniment and Prevention of Addictions.

REC: Network of Catholic Radio Stations of Latin America and the Caribbean.

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

RECOR: Network of Organized Communities of Latin America.

REDLAPSI: Latin American Network of the Church's Social Thought.

REGCHAG: Ecclesial Network of the Gran Chaco-Guaraní Aquifer.

REMAM: Mesoamerican Ecclesial Ecological Network.

REPAM: Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network.

RETEIS: Territorial Ecclesial Networks.

SCALA: Latin American Society of Catechists.

SECAM: Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar.

UNIAPAC: International Union of Christian Business Leaders.

WUCWO: World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations.

News

SEPTEMBER

Global Forum on Migration and Development



The CLAMOR Network played a prominent role in the Global Forum on Migration and Development, held from September 2-4, where it presented concrete proposals to governments aimed at humanizing migration processes and ensuring full respect for the rights of people in situations of forced mobility. During the summit, CLAMOR organized a Parallel Forum focused on "Migrant Women and Girls," successfully mobilizing civil society and consolidating a privileged space for political advocacy. This positioning reflects CLAMOR's growing recognition as a legitimate civil society interlocutor with United Nations bodies, such as UNHCR and the IOM.

Within the framework of the meeting, several highly relevant future initiatives that emerged during these days were announced. It was reported that the Network will present in

Rome, during the Jubilee of Migrants in October, the new "Guide for the Pastoral Care of Human Mobility," a key tool designed to support dioceses and parishes in strengthening their work with refugees and victims of human trafficking. In addition, the forthcoming development of the communication campaign "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope" was announced. Coordination was also confirmed for participation in a seminar in Palermo, in collaboration with Caritas Internationalis, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Palermo Protocol, a fundamental legal instrument in the fight against human trafficking.

Read more about the Global Forum on Migration at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/colombia-red-clamor-y-caritas-destacan-derechos-humanos-en-foro-mundial-sobre-migracion-y-desarrollo/>

Santo Domingo: Host of the Third Meeting Promoting a Culture of Care and the Prevention of Abuse

The Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CEL-AM), through its Culture of Care Network, convened the Third Latin American and Caribbean Meetings of Persons Responsible for the Prevention of Abuse in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The meeting was successfully held from September 2-4 and brought together 53 representatives from 16 countries, providing a vital space to strengthen the culture of prevention and protection.

The conference focused on synodality as a key dimension of safeguarding, inviting the Church to live in a spirit of vigi-

lance. Monsignor Lizardo Estrada Herrera, Secretary General of CELAM, emphasized the importance of embracing protection from a Gospel-centered perspective and through networking. "He is the one who invites us to care for the little ones. Let us cast our nets with faith; the Lord will do the rest," said Estrada, encouraging participants to become "textile artisans" in forging a continental network of care.

Father Pedro Brassesco, a member of the Network, highlighted both progress and challenges, noting that the meeting served to articulate shared experiences and strengthen existing commissions. As concrete outcomes, participants announced a commitment to promote training processes, consolidate the website as a repository of best practices, and develop materials to guide new commissions in the implementation of safeguarding policies, thereby reaffirming the region's commitment to transparency and reparation. Monsignor Héctor Rafael Rodríguez, President of the Dominican Bishops' Conference, invited the faithful to pray for the success of the meeting and for the cultivation of responsible caregivers.

Read more about this meeting at ADN Celam: <https://adn.celam.org/lizardo-estrada-a-responsables-de-prevencion-de-abusos-echemos-las-redes-con-fe-el-señor-hara-el-resto/>

The Presidency of CELAM concludes its apostolic visit to Rome, reaffirming communion and synodal commitment

The Presidency of CELAM carried out a significant Apostolic Visit to Rome from September 9-16, 2025, with the primary

objective of deepening communion with the Holy See and discerning the pastoral challenges facing Latin America and the Caribbean.



The itinerary, widely covered by ADN CELAM, provided an opportunity for dialogue with various Vatican bodies on key issues for the future of the Church in the region. Among the most significant meetings was the encounter with the Dicastery for Bishops, during which the importance of synodality as a way of ecclesial life was reaffirmed, together with a strong call for the ongoing formation of bishops and greater closeness to the People of God.

Similarly, the meeting with Cardinal Michael Czerny, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, focused on humanitarian challenges and culminated in a call for the Church to stand alongside migrants and to strengthen continental networks of solidarity. Other important encounters included meetings with the Dicastery for Culture and Education, aimed at strengthening the Church's educational mission, and with the General Secretariat of the Synod, to integrate the voices of the region into the global process of reflection.

The high point of the visit took place on September 15, when the Presidency was received in a Private Audience by Pope Leo XIV. This meeting provided an opportunity to share the progress of the pastoral journey and the challenges facing the Church on the continent, reaffirming CELAM as a "bridge of communion" between the Roman Curia and the realities of Latin America. The apostolic visit concluded with a renewed affirmation of CELAM's commitment to a Church that goes forth and remains attentive to the peripheries.

More details on the itinerary can be found at ADN CELAM: <https://adn.celam.org/presidencia-del-celam-arranca-visita-apostolica-para-discriminar-desafios-pastorales-con-la-curia-romana-y-el-papa-leon-xiv/>

Pope Leo XIV receives the members of the CELAM Presidency in private audience



September 15, 2025, marked the high point of the Apostolic Visit of the Presidency of the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CELAM) to Rome, when its members were received in Private Audience by Pope Leo XIV. This meeting, described by ADN CELAM as a fraternal moment, ended an intensive schedule of meetings with various dicastery's of the Holy See.

Cardinal Jaime Spengler, Archbishop of Porto Alegre and President of CELAM, shared his impressions, noting that the participants were able to discuss the initiatives currently being undertaken by the Council, as well as the pastoral challenges facing the Church on the continent. The encounter reaffirmed CELAM's proactive approach, always rooted in co-responsibility for the mission, and provided an opportunity to express gratitude and congratulations to the Holy Father on the occasion of his recent birthday.

For his part, Monsignor Lizardo Estrada, Secretary General of CELAM, described the audience as a moment marked by familiarity, highlighting that the Pope, with his "Latin American soul," received them with great warmth and closeness. Monsignor Estrada explained that, as is customary every two years, the Presidency presented His Holiness with a report on its journey in Latin America, including coordination with the episcopal conferences, regional meetings, and the socio-political realities affecting the countries of the region. The encounter with the Successor of Peter reaffirmed CELAM's adherence and communion with his Magisterium, as well as its commitment to continue promoting synodality.

Link to the ADN Celam article: <https://adn.celam.org/el-papa-leon-xiv-recibio-a-los-miembros-de-la-presidencia-del-celam-en-audiencia-privada-este-15-de-septiembre/>

Remam 2025 Assembly

Weaving Communion (September 9-11) Held in El Salvador, the Assembly of the Mesoamerican Ecclesial Ecological Network (REMAM) brought together representatives from various countries under the slogan "We row life, we weave communion." The central objective of the gathering was the development of the Mesoamerican Action Plan 2025-2028, grounded in territorial diagnoses and inspired by the encyclical *Laudato Si'*. This assembly served to strengthen the articulation of communities and ecclesial organizations committed to the defense of the Common Home, social justice, and the promotion of human rights throughout the region.

During the conference, critical challenges were identified, such as the need to strengthen ecological awareness in the face of consumer culture and violence, as well as the urgency of promoting the sustainable use of natural resources. The agreed-upon lines of action were broad and ambitious: ecological education, pastoral coordination, effective protection of environmental defenders, reforestation, defense of water, food sovereignty, and the promotion of solidarity economies. To operationalize these objectives, the organizational structure was strengthened through the creation of specific working committees (communication, advocacy, legal advice, indigenous peoples, among others).

The assembly concluded with a symbolic and spiritual act: a pilgrimage to the site of the martyrdom of Saint Óscar Romero, reaffirming the network's commitment to justice and to the preferential option for the poor and the vulnerable.

Read more about the Remam Assembly in ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/red-mesoamericana-se-consolida-con-liderazgo-ratificado-y-compromiso-firme-frente-al-extractivismo/>

Jubilee and Synodal Meeting in Rome



Organized by the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute, the Pontifical Academy for Life, the Pontifical Commission for Latin America (PCAL), and CELAM, this meeting was held from September 16-19 in a spirit aimed at restoring God's justice in the use of the earth and in human relationships. A space for synodal dialogue was created, structured around eight thematic roundtables with specialists from various continents.

The debates focused on critical issues that pose direct threats to the life and dignity of families today, such as the impact of artificial intelligence, the challenges of forced migration, extractivism, and the crisis of democracy. The validity and relevance of the Social Doctrine of the Church (SDC) in shedding light on these realities was highlighted. The event concluded on September 19 with a message from the Pope, who emphasized the importance of promoting co-responsibility and the leading role of families in social, cultural, and political life, extending

his blessing to the families of all members of the participating institutions.

Read more about the Jubilee Meeting in Rome at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/rganizaciones-disenaran-estrategias-sobre-cuidado-de-la-vida-after-the-jubilee-and-synodal-meeting-for-hopeful-discernment-on-the-future-of-life-and-the-family/>

Third Meeting of Justice and Peace in the Patria Grande - Lima



The Justice and Peace Network of the Patria Grande brought together representatives from 18 Episcopal Conferences and networks such as Churches and Mining, REPAM, and Caritas in Lima from September 16-19, 2025. The meeting focused on analyzing the lights and shadows of the continent: issues such as growing poverty, the criminalization of environmental defenders, and ecological deterioration were discussed, in contrast

with signs of hope, including the emergence of new young leaders and the strengthening of social movements.

Concrete advances were highlighted, such as the Diploma Program in Justice and Peace in collaboration with CEBITEPAL and the campaign "Remar contra corriente" (Rowing Against the Current). Participants also took on new strategic challenges: accompanying the journey toward COP 30 through the "Ruta Laudate Deum" (Laudate Deum Route), strengthening solidarity with Palestine, and promoting reconciliation from the parish level.

The meeting reaffirmed the Latin American Church's commitment to walk together in the defense of life, justice, and democracy, building hope from the territories and strengthening regional integration through solidarity.

Read more about the Justice and Peace Meeting at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/lizardo-estrada-a-red-eclesial-justicia-y-paz-los-invito-a-fortalecer-la-sinodalidad-para-leer-los-si-gnos-de-los-tiempos/>

Colloquium on Socio-Pastoral Observatories

Under the name "Mirada Eclesial" (Ecclesial Perspective), the second edition of this virtual colloquium was held, organized by the CELAM Knowledge Management Center. The keynote speaker was Dr. Agustín Salvia, founder of the Argentine Social Debt Observatory (UCA), who shared his experience in developing tools to monitor social realities.

Dr. Salvia highlighted three essential criteria for these observatories: ethical awareness, scientific rigor, and a high level of sociopolitical and cultural impact, all driven by a “passion for transforming reality.” The event, aligned with CELAM’s 2023-2027 Global Plan to promote synodal conversion and participatory processes, was attended by researchers and pastoral teams from across the region.

The recording of the meeting has had a significant impact, having been viewed by nearly one thousand people in its first weeks, thus consolidating it as a key training resource for the network of observatories.

Read more about this Colloquium at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/segundo-coloquio-para-la-creacion-y-for-talecimiento-de-observatorios-sociopastorales-una-mira-da-que-se-hace-sentir/>

OCTOBER

International Seminar: 25 years of the Palermo Protocol

Between September 30 and October 3, the CLAMOR Network actively participated in a major event held in Palermo, Italy. In close collaboration with Caritas Internationalis, the Network took part in a high-level seminar organized to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Palermo Protocol, the most important international legal instrument for preventing, suppressing, and punishing trafficking in persons, especially women and children. This meeting was not only commemorative in nature

but also provided a strategic space for in-depth analysis of the current realities of this crime, which violates human dignity.

During the working sessions, experts and Church representatives discussed the new challenges posed by human trafficking in a globalized world, seeking to identify existing gaps in the protection of victims and in the prosecution of this crime. The central objective was to renew the commitment of the Catholic Church and civil society organizations to the prevention of trafficking and to the unrestricted defense of the dignity of victims. The importance of updating pastoral and social strategies to respond more effectively to the changing dynamics of human exploitation was emphasized.

The participation of the CLAMOR Network in this global arena reaffirms its position as a key actor in political and social advocacy, bringing the voice of Latin American and Caribbean communities to forums where international protection policies are discussed.

Read more about the Palermo Protocol and Trafficking in ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/red-clamor-presenta-realidad-de-la-trata-en-america-latina-en-simposio-internacional-por-los-25-anos-del-protocolo-de-palermo/>

Water Summit: “We are water, we are life, we are hope”

Held from October 1-3, this summit brought together 400 participants from 14 countries under the slogan “We are water, we are life, we are hope.” Its central objective was to further explore the vital relationship between human beings, non-hu-

man beings, and water, integrating diverse spiritualities, Amazonian worldviews, and scientific knowledge. The event sought to highlight the critical importance of the ecosystems of the western Amazon for the well-being of the entire basin and to address the multiple dimensions of the freshwater crisis. The summit also provided a space to reflect on the role of churches, civil society, and Indigenous peoples, enabling the sharing of experiences and the consolidation of a network aimed at promoting and spreading a culture of water.



Among the most significant outcomes was the issuance of a declaration reflecting the struggles, demands, and resilience of communities affected by climate change and pollution. Concrete steps forward were identified, including educating families, rejecting polluting forms of production, supporting the UN Special Rapporteur's report, and promoting the legal defense of rivers as subjects of rights. In addition, the summit called for ensuring effective protection for environmental defenders, involving young people in climate action, training environmental monitors, and seeking fair financing mechanisms. All of this was framed within the vision of a Synodal Amazonian Church that promotes integral alternatives and a dignified life.

Read more Water Summit in ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/la-cumbre-amazonica-del-agua-exige-respeto-por-el-derecho-al-agua-como-don-sagrado-y-humano/>

Catholic Days of Action for Nonviolence



Beginning on October 8, these days of action are inspired by the message of Jesus and are directly connected to the campaign *"Life Hangs by a Thread."* The aim is to raise awareness of nonviolence, understood not as passivity but as an embodied spirituality, lived with the whole body and rooted in God. It was emphasized that nonviolence is a universal ethic that calls for personal and ecological conversion, the protection of the Common Home, and the promotion of diverse forms of dialogue.

The days highlighted that hope is actively organizing itself in the face of the many forms of violence present today. Powerful experiences of community resistance were shared: on the one hand, the journey of the women searchers within the campaign *"Life Hangs by a Thread,"* and on the other, the resis-

tance in Guatemala, articulated with religious communities in San José-Escuintla, which bears witness to a dignified life and harmony. The days concluded by affirming that healing is imperative so that tomorrow may be free of violence, committing to healthy relationships beyond divisions and promoting reconciliation and healing among people as a constructive and hope-filled response.

Read more Nonviolence Days at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/iglesia-latinoamericana-motiva-a-transformar-el-dolor-en-accion-solidaria-durante-las-jornadas-por-la-noviolencia/>

The synodal journey towards the Pastoral Manual on Addiction begins

In a strong response to one of the most painful challenges of our time, the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CELAM), through its Latin American Pastoral Care and Addiction Prevention Program (PLAPA), marked a historic milestone on October 9th, 2025, with the launch of the process to develop the Latin American Pastoral Care Manual on Addiction.

This initiative is not merely the drafting of a document, but the beginning of a profound synodal journey involving 18 countries across the region. Its purpose is to build a pastoral tool rooted in grassroots experience, integrating the voices of bishops, laypeople, specialists, and, above all, those who have lived through the reality of addiction firsthand. The process seeks to move beyond a purely clinical or punitive approach, embracing a vision centered on human dignity, spirituality, and the reconstruction of the social fabric.

Read more about the Pastoral Care of Addiction Manual at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/iglesia-latinoamericana-inicia-camino-sinodal-para-construir-el-manual-de-pastoral-de-adicciones/>



Virtual Jubilee of Indigenous Peoples

Source of Hope from October 14 to 16, this virtual jubilee was held under the theme *"Indigenous Peoples: Source of Hope for the World."* Each day of the event was dedicated to a specific group, creating a space to listen to their voices and dreams. The first day focused on youth as *"seeds of hope,"* seeking to hear their visions for the future of their communities and of the Church, understood as a form of prophecy born from their encounter with Jesus.

The second day honored Indigenous Women as “guardians of hopeful memory and protectors of life,” recognizing their strength, spirituality, and leadership in the defense of our Common Home. Finally, the third day was dedicated to Elders—“living memory of hope and wisdom.” This space aimed to recover the voices of elders to sustain hope through ancestral wisdom and to accompany new generations in their search for “*Buen Vivir*,” or life in fullness. The jubilee became an intergenerational encounter that connected pastoral agents from across the region through digital platforms.

Read more about the Jubilee of Indigenous Peoples at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/pueblos-originarios-del-continente-celebraran-jubileo-desde-la-virtualidad/>

Virtual Meeting of the Youth Ministry of Latin America and the Caribbean

On October 22, 91 participants from 16 countries (from Mexico to Argentina) gathered to redefine Youth Ministry (YM). They envisioned a synodal, borderless, ecological, supportive, and “outgoing” YM that functions as a true home and serves without fear. Profound challenges were identified, such as secularism, digital overstimulation (pornography, games), lack of authenticity, the crisis of “callers,” and the immediacy that undermines the processes of faith. Concern was also expressed about individualism, ideologies, and the loss of hope in traditional ecclesial structures.

In response, inspired by the message “Arise!”, concrete actions were proposed: establishing defined systems of evangelization, encouraging prayer and personal conversion to give witness,

and creating spaces for non-judgmental listening. It was suggested to walk through public places in the style of Jesus, to train companions with the heart of shepherds, to educate in the use of media and the prevention of abuse, and to promote the Social Doctrine of the Church. Final commitments included encouraging the priesthood to keep their doors open to young people, creating emotional support networks, and "rising above the noise" to communicate with purpose and hope.

Read more about this virtual meeting at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/pastoral-juvenil-de-america-latina-y-el-caribe-afianza-su-camino-sinodal-en-encuentro-virtual-continental/>



Migrant Day, Pastoral Guide, and Campaign of Hope

October 6 became a key date for pastoral action on the continent, marked by a three-pronged initiative led by the CLAMOR Network. First, the new Pastoral Guide on Human Mobility was officially launched. This document is presented as a fundamental and practical tool, designed specifically to accompany dioceses, parishes, and religious congregations in their mission of welcome. The guide offers clear pastoral itineraries to strengthen daily work with migrants, refugees, and victims of trafficking, responding to the need to professionalize and humanize care at borders and in host cities.

Simultaneously, the communication campaign "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope" was launched. This initiative aims to transform the public narrative on migration, making visible the human face of people on the move and promoting their effective integration into communities. It seeks to highlight that migrants are not only recipients of aid, but also bearers of cultural and spiritual wealth.

These actions culminated in the celebration of World Migrant and Refugee Day 2025. CLAMOR's national networks mobilized in each country, organizing Masses, forums, and cultural events. These local activities responded directly to the call of Pope Francis, strongly echoed by Pope Leo XIV, to build a future where no one is excluded, recognizing people in situations of forced mobility as true agents of hope and fraternity in the communities that welcome them.

Read more about the Guide and the Campaign at ADN Celam
<https://adn.celam.org/red-clamor-impulsa-campana-para-unir-vozes-y-acompanar-con-dignidad-y-justicia-a-los-migrantes/>

Synodal Ecosystem “Together” and Synod Course Begins

October 20 marked the official launch of the Pan-American Synodal Ecosystem “Together - Juntos - Insieme,” an ambitious formative initiative that began with the course “*Fundamental Themes of the Final Document of the Synod*.” Promoted through a strategic alliance between CELAM, the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University (USA), CLAR, the Latin American Observatory of Synodality, and the World Union of Catholic Women (WUCWO), this initiative seeks to accompany the implementation of the third phase of the synodal process on the continent.

The course, asynchronous and free of charge, has achieved a wide reach, with more than 5,000 participants, mainly from cities such as Buenos Aires, Bogotá, Mexico City, Santiago de Chile, Madrid, and Caracas. Its academic structure includes eight thematic modules and more than 30 formative videos available in Spanish, Portuguese, and English. Among the facilitators are internationally recognized figures such as Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, Nathalie Becquart, Agenor Brighenti, and Rafael Luciani, who address key topics including “A Relational Church,” “Authority and Power,” and “Structures of Participation.”

The objective of the “Together” Ecosystem goes beyond the mere transmission of knowledge. It seeks to consolidate a network of discernment and collaboration among academic and pastoral institutions, strengthen ecclesial communion, and equip pastoral agents to translate the Synod’s proposals into their local contexts. In this way, it promotes a Church that is outward-looking, participatory, and co-responsible.

Read more about the Together Ecosystem at ADN Celam
<https://adn.celam.org/celam-lanza-el-ecosistema-sinodal-panamericano-together-con-un-masterclass-continental-una-invitacion-a-formarse-y-caminar-juntos/>

Latin American Meeting of Seminary Formators



From October 20 to 24, the city of Belo Horizonte, Brazil, hosted the Latin American Course for Formators of Propaedeutic Seminaries, promoted by the Organization of Latin American Seminaries (OSLAM) in collaboration with CELAM and the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil (CNBB). This gathering brought together approximately 70 priests from 11 countries, including rectors and formators, with the specific purpose of strengthening the propaedeutic stage, which con-

stitutes the initial and foundational phase of the process of priestly formation.

The event focused on analyzing the challenges and perspectives of this critical stage, in which discipline, intellectual foundations, and, above all, vocational discernment are consolidated. Father Vagner Moraes, Secretary of OSLAM, highlighted the course as a milestone in the formation calendar, noting that the propaedeutic stage provides the necessary foundation for the subsequent stages of seminary formation. For his part, Monsignor José Albuquerque, Bishop of Parintins, emphasized the importance of accompanying young men in their human, spiritual, and community dimensions, in light of the complexity of today's cultural contexts.

The meeting was not only academic in nature, but also an experience of deep fraternity and spirituality. Monsignor Júlio César Gomes Moreira described it as a "time of grace" that fostered a greater awareness of shared responsibility in welcoming those who are discerning a vocation. The organizers agreed that this exchange of experiences and good practices paves the way toward a more solid and unified Latin American project for initial priestly formation.

Read more about Priestly Formation at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/belo-horizonte-acoge-el-curso-latinoamericano-pa-ra-formadores-de-seminarios-propedeuticos-desafios-y-perspectivas-de-la-formacion-sacerdotal/>

“The Catholic university is born from the heart of the Church,” Guillermo Sandoval at the *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* International Congress

Within the framework of the International Congress *Ex Corde Ecclesiae 35 Years: Identity, Mission, and Hope*, held at the San Andrés Campus in Concepción, Chile, Guillermo Sandoval Vásquez, Director of the CELAM Knowledge Management Center, delivered the keynote address entitled *“The Presence of the University in the Life of the Church.”* Representing Cardinal Jaime Spengler (President of CELAM) and Monsignor Lizardo Estrada (Secretary General), Sandoval conveyed the Presidency’s desire to further deepen the strategic relationship between the Organization of Catholic Universities of Latin America and the Caribbean (ODUCAL) and CELAM.

In his address, he emphasized that the Catholic university is called to serve the human person through dialogue between faith and reason, ensuring access to knowledge and forming leaders capable of transforming society. Sandoval underscored that universities should not limit themselves to “filling vases,” but rather seek to “ignite fires” through personal and community witness.

Read more about the ODUCAL Congress at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/la-universidad-católica-nace-del-corazón-de-la-iglesia-guillermo-sandoval-en-el-congreso-internacional-ex-corde-ecclesiae/>

Seminar: Artificial Intelligence from a Pastoral Perspective

On October 9, the National Justice and Peace Commission of the Chilean Episcopal Conference (CECh), in collaboration with the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CELAM), held the seminar *“Artificial Intelligence: A Pastoral Perspective from Latin America and the Caribbean.”* This hybrid event, held in Santiago, brought together academics, pastoral agents, and specialists to discern the ethical challenges posed by this technology. The Secretary General of the CECh, Monsignor Cristián Castro Toovey, highlighted the importance of the Church taking up the challenge of reflecting on the profound impact of artificial intelligence on community life.

During the seminar, Guillermo Sandoval (CELAM Knowledge Management Center) presented an ethical and anthropological approach aligned with the Magisterium of Pope Francis, emphasizing the responsible use of digital tools in service of the common good. For her part, expert Marieli de los Ríos Uriarte, from CELAM’s Technological Frontier Group, drew a key distinction: while human intelligence integrates reason, will, and affectivity, artificial intelligence operates solely through data processing and lacks moral consciousness. Participants warned of risks such as dehumanization and the spread of misinformation, underscoring the urgent need for robust ethical frameworks that safeguard human dignity and democratic values.

Father Heriberto Cabrera Reyes presented concrete pastoral recommendations, inviting participants to avoid both technophobia and technophilia. Five lines of action were proposed: awareness-raising and formation, pastoral organization, coordination, dialogue with governments, and inclusion to prevent cultural biases. The ultimate goal, according to Walter Sán-

chez, is to employ this technology as a tool for evangelization and for fostering hope.

Read more about Artificial Intelligence and Pastoral Care at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/la-iglesia-en-chile-reflexiono-sobre-los-desafios-eticos-y-pastorales-de-la-inteligencia-artificial/>

V World Meeting of Popular Movements



From October 21 to 24, 2025, Rome became the epicenter of global social dialogue with the celebration of the Fifth World Meeting of Popular Movements (WMPM). The event brought together delegates from all five continents to commemorate and reaffirm the path forged alongside Pope Francis over the past decade, consolidating the struggle for the "3Ts"—Land, Housing, and Work—as non-negotiable pillars of human dignity.

Representing CEPRAP (Center for Pastoral Action Programs and Networks of CELAM), Father Carlos Olivero participated actively. He also serves as coordinator of the Network of

Organized Communities (RECOR). His presence was key in bringing forward the voice of the Latin American and Caribbean Church, emphasizing the need for a pastoral approach that not only provides assistance, but also integrates itself into and learns from the “wisdom of the neighborhoods.” Father Olivero stressed that true social transformation does not take place behind desks, but through the recognition of community-based processes and the affirmation of popular organization as a response to the “throwaway culture.”

The meeting also served as a tribute to the legacy of Pope Francis, described by participants as the “Pope of Mercy,” who has consistently encouraged these movements to be protagonists of history and “social poets.” Throughout the gathering, participants discussed strategies to address emerging economic and climate challenges, underscoring that social justice is intrinsic to the Church’s evangelizing mission. CEPRAP’s participation in this space reaffirms CELAM’s commitment to walking alongside those who are excluded, promoting a Church that goes forth, listens attentively, and accompanies the cry of peoples for a life of dignity.

Read more about the topic at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/movimientos-sociales-honran-el-legado-de-francisco-el-papa-de-la-misericordia-en-el-v-encuentro-mundial-de-roma/>

Special coverage by ADN CELAM: IV Continental Congress of Latin American and Caribbean Theology

The CELAM Communication Center, through its news agency ADN CELAM, carried out extensive journalistic coverage

from Lima, Peru, to document the Fourth Continental Congress of Latin American and Caribbean Theology, held from October 21 to 26, 2025. Under the theme *"Horizons of Liberation: Weaving Hope from Below,"* the event brought together more than 200 theologians, lay leaders, and pastoral agents from across Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as from the United States and Europe.

The ADN CELAM press team accompanied each day of the congress, producing chronicles, interviews, and audiovisual reports that captured the spirit of a gathering marked by the urgency of reinterpreting faith from the margins. The coverage highlighted key moments, including the moving tribute to Father Gustavo Gutiérrez, widely recognized as the father of Liberation Theology, as well as presentations emphasizing the need for a theology that is not confined to academic desks, but rather one that is "stained with the mud of history."

Through its digital platforms and live broadcasts, CELAM gave visibility to the voices of Indigenous peoples, Afro-descendant communities, and social movements, who called for a more synodal Church deeply committed to social and environmental justice. This communication effort enabled the reflections emerging from Lima to resonate throughout the continent, fulfilling the mission of giving visibility to processes that seek to weave networks of solidarity and hope in a fragmented world.

Everything about this coverage on ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/mensaje-del-iv-congreso-continental-de-teologia-latinoamericana-y-caribena-nadie-quede-afuera-de-la-fiesta-y-del-encuentro/>

Jubilee of Synodal Teams in Rome



From October 24 to 26, a representative delegation from CEL-AM actively participated in Rome in the "Jubilee of Synodal Teams and Participatory Bodies." Led by Monsignor José Luis Azuaje, first vice president, the delegation included key figures in the continental synodal process such as Fr. Pedro Brassesco, Sr. Daniela Cannavina, and theologian Rafael Luciani. The event, part of the journey toward the 2025 Jubilee, was held under the theme "Converting relationships to be one," emphasizing that synodality requires above all a profound relational conversion.

During the conference, experiences were shared on the implementation of synodality in different regions of the world. Nicolás Meyer, coordinator of Caritas Latin America, was responsible for presenting to Pope Leo XIV the progress, fruits, and challenges of the process on our continent, highlighting

the effort to build a more participatory and “outgoing” Church. Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod, emphasized that hope is the driving force behind this journey together. The meeting concluded with a solemn Eucharist in St. Peter’s Basilica, where the commitment to continue expanding the space of the ecclesial tent so that all may feel co-responsible in the mission was renewed.

Read more about the Jubilee of the Synodal Teams at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/en-vaticano-inicia-jubileo-de-los-equipos-sinodales-y-organos-de-participacion-con-espíritu-de-conversion/>

November

Special coverage by ADN CELAM: XVI Afro-American and Caribbean Pastoral Meeting (EPA16)

In a strategic alliance with CEPRAP (Center for Pastoral Action Programs and Networks), the Diocese of Luján, and the Argentine Episcopal Conference, ADN CELAM provided detailed journalistic coverage of the Sixteenth Afro-American and Caribbean Pastoral Encounter (EPA16). Held from November 4 to 7, 2025, in Luján, Argentina, the event was spiritually framed by the figure of Negro Manuel, custodian of the Virgin, inspiring both the motto and the final collective call: “A Church with an Afro-descendant face, alive and synodal”

The ADN CELAM press team documented, day by day, the participation of delegations from 12 countries, amplifying mo-

ments of pastoral discernment and the voices calling for an end to invisibilization and structural racism. Through chronicles and interviews, the coverage reported on the apostolic blessing sent by Pope Leo XIV and the message of closeness from the CELAM presidency. Particular emphasis was placed on the central axes of discussion: the urgency of an ethnic-differentiated pastoral approach, the implementation of ethno-education processes, and the protagonism of children and young people in the transmission of cultural and spiritual heritage.



As part of the overall coverage, ADN CELAM reported on the institutional renewal marked by the election of the Secretariat of Afro Pastoral Care (SEPAC) for the 2025-2028 period. The new secretariat is composed of Ms. Odilays Silva Paz (Coordinator), Fr. José Brutúa (Secretary), and Fathers Pascual Kinoti, Juan Olivera, and Wilfrido Mosquera in regional roles. The coverage concluded with the announcement of Brazil as the host country for the next encounter in 2028, reaffirming the commitment to continue walking together as the People of God.

All the details of this coverage can be found at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/pastoral-afroamericana-y-caribena-cierra-el-epa-16-con-un-llamado-a-una-iglesia-viva-y-sinodal/>

To learn more about the atmosphere in Luján and hear the testimonies of those involved, you can watch this audiovisual summary at <https://youtu.be/4RAM19O2-wA>

Church participation in COP30 in Belém do Pará (Brazil)



The Church's participation in COP30, held in Belém from November 10 to 21, 2025, represented the culmination of a long journey of commitment to integral ecology, inspired by the encyclical *Laudato Si'* and articulated by the Churches of the Global South. As part of the preparatory process, the document "A Call for Climate Justice and the Common Home" was published, serving as an ethical framework to call for ecological conversion and for the transformation of the extractivist development model.

The ecclesial presence was marked by strong intercontinental coordination among Latin America, Asia, and Africa, as well as by the participation of organizations such as CELAM, CEAMA, and Caritas, which brought the voices of vulnerable communities into both the Blue and Green Zones. A historic milestone was the announcement by 62 religious institutions of their commitment to full divestment from fossil fuels, sending a clear signal about the urgency of phasing out coal, oil, and gas.

Key priorities of the Church's participation included the demand for climate justice, denouncing "green capitalism" and the "economy that kills," and the defense of Indigenous ancestral wisdom as fundamental scientific knowledge for climate governance. The delegation of the Holy See, led by Monsignor Giambattista Diquattro, emphasized that environmental goals require not only technical resources, but also a profound educational process oriented toward new, sustainable lifestyles.

Read more about the Church's participation in COP30 at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/tag/cop30/>

CELAM and Oducal: Research on the most excluded

On November 13 and 14, the Rectorate of the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo, Brazil, became the setting for a significant milestone in ecclesial social research. Through a strategic alliance between the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CELAM) and the Organization of Catholic Universities of Latin America and the Caribbean (ODUCAL), the final results of the research project and documentary series "*The Most Excluded Among the Excluded*" were presented.

This initiative, described as an exercise in "synodal research" and "pastoral conversion," brought together eight in-depth studies carried out by various Catholic universities across the region. The objective was to shed light on the realities of extreme poverty, structural violence, and resilience in the continent's existential peripheries, giving voice to those who have historically been silenced—from migrant children and rural women

who are victims of violence, to communities surviving in garbage dumps.

The legacy of this work is embodied in a collection of eight documentaries, now available on the CELAM TV YouTube channel, as well as in the publication of three academic volumes incorporated into the CELAM Virtual Library. Through this contribution, both institutions seek to strengthen their prophetic vocation by promoting social justice and discernment in the face of structural exclusion, responding to the call to be a "Samaritan" Church that acts as a compassionate fraternity in a wounded world.

Read more about the Celam-Oducal research at ADN Celam: <https://adn.celam.org/celam-y-oducal-lanzan-serie-documental-sobre-los-mas-excluidos-entre-los-excluidos-en-un-ejercicio-sinodal-de-investigacion-y-esperanza/>



“Women in Synodality”: A Book that gathers the sorrows and Hopes of the Continental Journey

CELAM’s publication “*Women in Synodality: Memories of the Process: Women in the Church and Society (2021-2023)*” was presented as a milestone that brings together both the fruits and the wounds of the synodal journey experienced by women in Latin America and the Caribbean. The book, launched on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (November 25), condenses the reflections and pathos of the First Latin American and Caribbean Women’s Meeting, becoming the living memory of a process of deep and attentive listening.

The text goes beyond a simple report, addressing the urgency of transforming a culture that has historically rendered women invisible and subjected them to male authority, even within ecclesial structures. Monsignor Lizardo Estrada, secretary general of CELAM, noted that the publication is a call to conversion and shared responsibility for the entire People of God, aimed at overcoming clericalism and opening genuine spaces for women’s participation.

The book is organized around two main axes: the situation of women in society—addressing violence, inequality, and poverty—and their role within the Church, where it explores the feminine *sensus fidei*, lay leadership, and the need for a Church with a “woman’s face.”

During the virtual presentation, theologian Sister Liliana Franco highlighted that the publication bears witness to women’s journey from invisibility to prophetic protagonism. The book not only makes visible the pain endured but also weaves together hopes for change, promoting the urgent need to strengthen dia-

logue on new masculinities and to articulate a specific pastoral approach for women. The launch reaffirmed CELAM's commitment to the Global Compact on Education and to the promotion of rights and human dignity, making this publication a crucial contribution to discernment and prophetic pastoral action across the continent. (298 words)

Link to the ADN Celam press release: /<https://adn.celam.org/el-libro-mujeres-en-sinodalidad-recoge-memorias-dolores-y-esperanzas-del-camino-continental-de-las-mujeres/>

Repam Meeting

On November 26 and 27, the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network (REPAM) held a meeting focused on evaluating the work of the General Secretariat and on projecting its fundamental objectives: the defense of human rights, territories, and Mother Earth. The assessment of the outgoing administration was highly positive; however, the need to continue strengthening REPAM's identity as a network, to rationalize resources, and to improve coordination with grassroots communities and territorial networks was underscored.

It was reaffirmed that the guiding horizon of the organization remains the Amazon Synod. The central moment of the meeting was the installation of the new leadership team for the period from November 27, 2025, to November 25, 2028. This transition was presented as a favorable moment to renew and strengthen the prophetic commitment to the Amazon, inspired by the conviction that within REPAM, "all are one great family."

Read more about the REPAM meeting at ADN Celam <https://adn.celam.org/la-red-eclesial-panamazonica-celebro-la-toma-de-pose-sion-de-su-nueva-secretaria-ejecutiva-y-vicepresidencia/>

Assembly of Bishops of Cuba: Serving in Hope



From November 10 to 13, the San Juan María Vianney Priests' House in Havana hosted the 166th Plenary Assembly of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Cuba. The meeting was marked by the visit of Monsignor Lizardo Estrada, Secretary General of CELAM, who traveled to the island to express the closeness of the continental Church at a critical moment following the passage of Hurricane Oscar (referred to in some sources as Melissa or related recent events), which severely affected several dioceses.

The agenda of the assembly addressed not only the assessment of damages and the coordination of humanitarian assistance but also devoted a privileged space to spirituality. Monsignor Estrada led a morning retreat inspired by the humility of Saint Martin de Porres, reminding the prelates that episcopal authority is legitimized through service: "We are called to serve, not to dominate; to discern together, not to impose." His message invited trust in the "strength of weakness" and encouraged prioritizing communion over institutional control. In addition, the bishops worked on preparations for the *ad limina* visit scheduled for February 2026 in Rome, reaffirming their communion with the Pope and with the universal Church amid the pastoral and social challenges facing the Cuban people.

Read more about the Church in Cuba at ADN Celam: <https://adn.celam.org/cuba-concluye-166-a-asamblea-episcopal-enfocada-en-reconstruccion-desafios-pastorales-y-camino-hacia-la-sinodalidad/>

Reclac: Weaving digital hope

From November 21 to 23, 2025, Bogotá became the epicenter of ecclesial communication on the continent as it hosted the Second Meeting of the Ecclesial Communication Network of Latin America and the Caribbean (RECLAC). Under the slogan "Pilgrims in the key of hope," 35 communicators from 16 countries gathered at the CELAM headquarters to discern the future of their mission in the digital age.

The meeting, marked by a strong synodal spirit, included the virtual participation of Monsignor Lucio Ruiz, Secretary of the Dicastery for Communication, who encouraged those present

to evangelize with "bold creativity" in the digital continent, building bridges between the Gospel and the questions of contemporary humanity. For its part, the CELAM leadership, headed by its president, Monsignor Jaime Spengler, recalled that true communication is born of silence and interior depth, avoiding saturation to offer meaningful messages.

The working sessions focused on the exchange of best practices and the design of the 2026-2027 Roadmap, prioritizing a form of communication that "walks together," listens, and serves. A particularly significant moment was the pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Fallen Lord of Monserrate, where participants, in a symbolic act of sending forth, entrusted their projects and hopes, reaffirming their commitment to be "weavers of stories" that humanize and connect communities.

The event concluded with a renewed call to strengthen the identity of the network, understanding communication not merely as a technique, but as a sacred mission that weaves together faith, culture, and life in the new social Areopagus.

Read more about this event <https://adn.celam.org/inicio-el-en-cuentro-2025-de-la-red-eclesial-de-comunicacion-de-america-latina-y-el-caribe-peregrinos-en-clave-de-esperanza/>



Advent: Waiting for the Redeemer with justice and hope

With a focus on the urgent challenges facing Latin America and the Caribbean, the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CELAM), through its pastoral centers, carried out the series *“Social Reflections to Prepare for Advent”* from November 25 to 29, 2025. Over the course of five days, experts, theologians, and ecclesial leaders invited participants to experience this liturgical season not as a passive waiting period, but as an active commitment to human dignity and social reality.

The series began by confronting the Latin American reality. Agustín Salvia, from the Social Debt Observatory, presented the deep inequalities and the crisis of democracies in the region, setting the tone for an Advent that must be vigilant.

The theological foundation was offered by Carolina Bacher and Fr. Carlos Galli, who, drawing on the magisterium of Francis and Paul VI, recalled that “in the eyes of God, no one is disposable.” This premise was further deepened by Sr. Birgit Weiler, who encouraged reading the “signs of the times” with creative fidelity to build an open world.

Toward the conclusion, the reflection turned to the question of “how” to walk as Church. Rafael Luciani highlighted synodality as an indispensable process of learning and renewal, while Sr. Liliana Franco and Fr. Pedro Brassesco brought the series to a close with a call to strengthen communal commitment, affirming that Christian hope is expressed through concrete works of justice and closeness.

Access to the complete record of each day is provided below:

Analysis of reality (Opening) CELAM paves the way for Advent by calling for the renewal of social justice in the face of persistent inequalities <https://adn.celam.org/celam-abre-camino-al-adviento-exhortando-a-renovar-justicia-social-frente-a-desigualdades-persistentes/>

Human dignity and evangelization Carolina Bacher and Carlos Galli in the Advent Social Reflections: "In God's eyes, no one is disposable" <https://adn.celam.org/carlos-galli-y-carolina-bacher-en-las-reflexiones-sociales-de-adviento-a-los-ojos-de-dios-no-hay-nadie-descartable>

The signs of the times Sister Birgit Weiler invites us to "read the signs of the times" on the third day of Advent preparation <https://adn.celam.org/la-hna-birgit-weiler-invita-a-leer-los-sígnos-de-los-tiempos-en-la-tercera-jornada-de-preparación-al-adviento/>

Synodality and renewal Rafael Luciani in Advent Social Reflections: "Walking together is a process of learning, change, and renewal." <https://adn.celam.org/rafael-luciani-en-las-reflexiones-sociales-de-adviento-caminar-juntos-es-un-proceso-de-aprendizaje-cambio-y-renovacion/>

Commitment and Closing Liliana Franco and Pedro Brassesco close Advent reflections promoting synodality and community commitment <https://adn.celam.org/liliana-franco-y-pedro-brassesco-cierran-reflexiones-de-adviento-impulsando-sinodalidad-y-compromiso-comunitario-transformador/>

Access each of the talks at the following link on our YouTube channel Celam T
<https://bit.ly/48Yfv4e>

Course for Preachers: “Prophets of Hope in the World”

CELAM hosted the Latin American course “*Prophets of Hope in the World*” at its headquarters in Bogotá, a formative initiative that brought together 101 preachers—including priests, religious, and laypeople—from 15 countries. The objective was to renew missionary fervor through the updating of biblical, theological, and communicative tools, adapted to today’s cultural challenges.

The academic program stood out for its integral approach. Lecturers such as Miguel Pastorino (Uruguay) explored the need for a “propositive apologetics,” understood not as a cultural battlefield, but as the capacity to give reason for faith through encounter and dialogue. Likewise, Fr. Carlos Arias (Colombia) warned of the risks involved in the political manipulation of religious discourse, exhorting preachers to preserve the prophetic freedom of the Gospel. An innovative component of the program was the inclusion of workshops on the use of new technologies and Artificial Intelligence in evangelization.

The course concluded with a strong call for the preacher to be, above all, a witness “in love with Jesus Christ,” whose interior life undergirds the authenticity of his or her message of hope.

Read more about Preacher Training at ADN Celam: <https://adn.celam.org/celam-inicia-curso-para-predicadores-orientando-a-renovar-el-anuncio-y-la-accion-pastoral-continental/>



Second Vice President of CELAM strengthens ecumenical relations in historic audience with Patriarch Bartholomew in Constantinople



In a gesture of profound significance for interreligious dialogue, Monsignor José Domingo Ulloa, Archbishop of Panama and Second Vice President of CELAM, held a historic audience with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I at the Phanar, the seat of the Patriarchate in Constantinople. This meeting represents a significant milestone in strengthening ties between the Catholic Church of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Orthodox Church, demonstrating a shared willingness to journey toward full unity. The visit, marked by an atmosphere of fraternity and spiritual closeness, symbolized the deepening of bonds between East and West, reaffirming the commitment of both traditions to work together for the Gospel.

During the meeting, the dialogue focused on urgent global challenges that call for a unified Christian response. Fundamental issues were addressed, including the promotion of peace in a world fractured by violence and, in a particular way, the care of Creation—a vital point of convergence given the

Patriarch's recognized environmental leadership and CELAM's ecological priority. Monsignor Ulloa conveyed the affection of the Latin American people, strengthening an ecumenical alliance grounded in synodality and in a shared witness of hope, charity, and the defense of human dignity in the face of today's crises.

For more information on ADN CELAM, visit the following link: <https://adn.celam.org/azobispo-ulloa-fortalece-relaciones-ecumenicas-en-historica-audiencia-con-el-patriarca-bartolome-en-constantinopla/>

DECEMBER

CELAM launches the fifth edition of "Jesus Enters Your Home": a concert for peace, hope, and the peripheries

Bringing the year's activities to a close with a message of fraternity, CELAM presented the fifth edition of the concert "*Jesus Enters Your Home*," consolidating this initiative as a Latin American Christmas tradition. Under the theme of peace, hope, and attention to the peripheries, the virtual event brought together prominent Catholic artists from across the continent with the aim of carrying the Good News of Jesus' birth into homes, especially those marked by loneliness, suffering, or exclusion. This edition placed particular emphasis on the urgency of building peace in a world fractured by violence, using art and music as privileged instruments of evangelization and spiritual consolation.



More than a simple cultural event, the concert was conceived as a gesture of a "Church that goes forth," seeking to embrace the most vulnerable realities. Through melodies and personal testimonies, families were invited to open the doors of their hearts to the Savior, recalling that true Christmas takes place in the encounter with one's neighbor and in solidarity with those on the margins. By weaving digital bridges of communion, CELAM reaffirmed its commitment to accompanying the People of God pastorally, offering a space of celebration that renews hope and strengthens discipleship identity throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information on ADN CELAM, visit the following link:
<https://adn.celam.org/celam-lanza-la-v-edicion-de-jesus-entra-a-tu-casa-un-concierto-por-la-paz-la-esperanza-y-las-periferias/>

CELAM launches 2026 call for research proposals on priority issues in Latin America

The Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CELAM), through its Knowledge Management Center and the Socio-Anthropological and Pastoral Observatory (OSAP), has officially opened the 2026 call for research proposals. This initiative is addressed to research centers and teams from Catholic universities and ecclesial observatories across the region, with the aim of generating rigorous scientific knowledge that supports pastoral discernment and strengthens the prophetic voice of the Church on the continent. The deadline for the submission of projects is January 31, 2026.

The selected research projects will be conducted between April and November 2026 and will receive a financial incentive of USD 8,000. The priority themes identified for this cycle include critical challenges such as the fragility of democracy, narco-culture, economic inequality, forced migration, and socio-environmental conflicts. CELAM seeks for these studies not only to contribute academic evidence, but also to be translated into practical inputs for pastoral action. The results will be presented publicly at the end of February 2026, following an evaluation and selection process.

Further information is available at the following ADN Celam link: <https://adn.celam.org/celam-lanza-convocatoria-2026-para-investigaciones-sobre-realidades-prioritarias-en-america-latina-y-el-caribe/>

'Life hangs by a thread': podcast reveals the Mexican state's inaction and the struggle of searching families



CELAM's campaign "Life Hangs by a Thread" premiered its fourth episode, "Families of Acapulco in Search of Their Disappeared," denouncing the systematic inaction of the Mexican State in the face of enforced disappearances. The podcast recounts the ordeal of Sergio Ceballos following the disappearance of his daughter Monserrat in 2015. Far from receiving institutional support, he encountered bureaucratic obstacles and negligence, forcing him to become an investigator himself. His testimony is devastating, although he personally helped locate a mass grave, forensic services took more than three years to identify remains that were already in their custody, exposing a system that revictimizes families instead of guaranteeing justice.

This production does not present an isolated case but rather reveals a humanitarian crisis involving more than 133,000

disappeared persons and a forensic emergency of 72,000 unidentified bodies. The narrative highlights the courage of the collective "Families of Acapulco," made up mostly of women who, in the face of government abandonment and constant threats, carry out the dangerous work of searching in the field. Through this communication initiative, the Church seeks to preserve memory, demand State accountability, and uphold the dignity of those who, despite pain and impunity, continue to hold fast to the hope of finding their loved ones.

For more information on ADN Celam, visit the following link:
<https://adn.celam.org/la-vida-pende-de-un-hilo-podcast-revela-la-inaccion-del-estado-mexicano-y-la-lucha-de-familias-buscadoras/>

Anniversary of the "Life hangs by a thread" campaign: "We cannot turn our backs on a community that has been attacked, criminalized, and persecuted"

On its first anniversary, the "Life Hangs by a Thread" campaign reaffirms its commitment to articulating efforts across Latin America and the Caribbean to transform the memory of pain into justice and dignity. Born in December 2024 and presented at the Vatican, this initiative promoted by CELAM together with various organizations seeks to make visible and protect social and environmental leaders who face lethal threats. The assessment of its first year reveals alarming figures: 146 defenders killed worldwide, 120 of them in Latin America,

exposing a deep human rights crisis worsened by State inaction and the weakening of democratic institutions.

The commemoration included a roundtable discussion that examined the regression in the protection of rights and the criminalization of those who defend the "Common Home." Monsignor Henry Ruiz, Bishop of Trujillo (Honduras), stressed that accompanying persecuted communities is an imperative of fidelity to the Gospel. In a context marked by normalized violence and a financial crisis affecting human rights organizations, the campaign looks ahead to 2026 with the aim of overcoming indifference, demanding accountability from States, and weaving networks of protection that ensure the life and safety of those who raise their voices on behalf of the most vulnerable.

For more information on ADN Celam, visit the following link: <https://adn.celam.org/aniversario-de-la-campana-la-vida-pende-de-un-hilo-no-podemos-darle-la-espalda-a-una-comunidad-agredida-criminalizada-y-perseguida/>

“Mary, Mother of the People”: an open dialogue on *Mater Populi Fidelis* calls on all of Latin America and the Caribbean

The Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CEL-AM), through its theological center CEBITEPAL, held the webinar "Mary, Mother of the People," organized by CEBITEPAL, bringing together hundreds of participants to reflect on the recent doctrinal note *Mater Populi Fidelis*. The event featured theologian Félix Palazzi and religious sister Norma Olaeta, who unpacked the theological richness of the document, em-

phasizing that Mary is not a second source of salvation, but rather the feminine expression of grace that cooperates in the redemptive work of Christ. The meeting underscored the importance of placing the Virgin not above, but at the heart of the Christian community, pedagogically accompanying the faithful toward Jesus.



Beyond doctrinal analysis, the space also served to strengthen communion and continental synodality, addressing pastoral concerns about how to live Marian devotion without falling into distortions or fanaticism. The need for formation and discernment to purify popular piety was highlighted, reaffirming that Mary's mediation is a participation in the unique mediation of Christ. The webinar likewise provided a platform to present CEBITEPAL's new academic offerings, including the world's first licentiate degree in Synodal Pastoral Theology, aimed at supporting the implementation of the Synod through 2028.

For more information on ADN Celam, visit the following link: <https://adn.celam.org/maria-madre-del-pueblo-un-dialogo-aberto-sobre-mater-populi-fidelis-convoca-a-toda-america-latina-y-el-caribe/>

Cartagena +40: Church networks participated in the first meeting of the PAC Platform on mobility

In a coordinated effort to strengthen the regional response to the migration crisis, various church networks participated in the first virtual meeting of the Support Platform of the Chile Action Plan (PAC), held at the end of November. This meeting, arising from the Cartagena +40 process, brought together key organizations such as the CLAMOR Network, the Jesuit Migrant Network (RJM LAC), and the Regional Articulation Group, which presented proposals and strategic priorities for the 2025-2027 biennium. The central objective was to articulate effective mechanisms for implementing commitments related to human mobility and refugee protection, emphasizing that the Church's territorial experience is essential for informing public policies that respect human rights and offer concrete solutions.

During the session, the urgency of actively involving civil society, academia, and refugee organizations themselves in the implementation of the plan was highlighted. Participants stressed that, while States bear the primary responsibility for leadership, interinstitutional collaboration is indispensable to ensure rigorous and humane protection. This synergy seeks to strengthen international cooperation by integrating local governments, financial institutions, and United Nations agencies, reaffirming that responses to forced displacement are more effective when built upon unity

and direct knowledge of the realities experienced by migrants in Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information on ADN Celam, visit the following link:
<https://adn.celam.org/cartagena-40-redes-eclesiales-participaron-en-primera-reunion-de-plataforma-del-pac-sobre-movilidad/>

Red Clamor Assembly to analyze migration situation and define pastoral priorities

The Latin American and Caribbean Ecclesial Network on Migration, Displacement, Refugees, and Human Trafficking (Red CLAMOR) convened its Eighth General Assembly virtually in early December, bringing together more than fifty Catholic organizations. In a critical regional context marked by the tightening of anti-migration policies and cuts to international funding, the meeting's main objective was to reflect on the current situation and to define pastoral and social priorities for the year 2026. Elvy Monzant, executive secretary of the network, underscored the urgency of rethinking mechanisms of welcome and protection in the face of challenges such as mass deportations and the closure of migration routes, reaffirming that the Church remains steadfast in its commitment to accompany those who experience forced mobility.

During the assembly, an in-depth analysis was carried out, grounded in the magisterium and the encyclical *Dilexit nos*, with the aim of illuminating pastoral action through an approach rooted in charity and social justice. In addition to assessing the work carried out in 2025, participants outlined joint lines

of action to be consolidated at an upcoming in-person meeting in Bogotá. The gathering emphasized the need to strengthen articulation, political advocacy, and unity among organizations to avoid isolated efforts, thus ensuring a more coordinated, effective, and robust ecclesial response in the defense of the dignity of migrants and refugees throughout the continent.

For more information on ADN Celam, visit the following link: <https://adn.celam.org/asamblea-de-red-clamor-analizara-realidad-migratoria-y-definira-prioridades-pastorales/>

Red Clamor brings the voice of migrants and refugees to the United Nations in Geneva



The CLAMOR Network, affiliated with CELAM, actively participated in the World Refugee Forum held in December at the UN headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Representing numerous church organizations from Latin America and the Caribbean, the network brought the silenced realities of forced migration to the attention of government representatives from

all five continents. Elvy Monzant, executive secretary, emphasized that their presence went beyond mere attendance, focusing on political advocacy by denouncing state bureaucracies that hinder the recognition of refugees and the “new forms of slavery” that disproportionately affect the most vulnerable, particularly women and children.

During its intervention, the network distanced itself from complacent diplomatic rhetoric to expose the structural shortcomings of reception systems and the growing hostility of global migration policies. Reaffirming the four verbs bequeathed by Pope Francis—welcome, protect, promote, and integrate—CLAMOR called for walls to be torn down and bridges of solidarity to be built, guaranteeing fundamental rights such as access to food, work, and a dignified life. The mission in Geneva sought to humanize migration governance, reminding the world that behind every statistic are faces that deserve justice, not indifference.

For more information on ADN Celam, visit the following link: <https://adn.celam.org/red-clamor-lleva-la-voz-de-los-migrantes-y-refugiados-ante-las-naciones-unidas-en-ginebra/>

CELAM presents the podcast “La vida como viene” (Life as it comes): a human look at addiction in working-class neighborhoods

In an effort to humanize and bring visibility to one of the region’s most painful challenges, CELAM launched the podcast “*La vida como viene*” (*Life as It Comes*), focusing on the reality

of addiction in Latin America's working-class neighborhoods. This initiative arises from the need to offer an alternative narrative on problematic substance use: far from stigmatization or condemnation, the series proposes a pastoral approach of welcome, inspired by the motto "receive life as it comes." The project gives voice to those marginalized by drugs, showing that behind each case there is a face, a sacred story, and a context of social exclusion that calls for a compassionate and organized response from both the Church and civil society.

Throughout its episodes, the podcast weaves together testimonies of recovery with the experiences of pastoral agents working on the existential peripheries, highlighting the community-based model as a path to healing. It underscores that addiction is not merely a health issue, but a cry for help in the face of a lack of meaning and opportunities. By sharing these stories of resilience and hope, CELAM invites church communities to become "field hospitals," where tenderness and holistic accompaniment help young people rebuild their life projects, reaffirming that no one is ever truly lost when a helping hand is ready to support them.

For more information on ADN Celam, visit the following link: <https://adn.celam.org/celam-presenta-el-podcast-la-vida-como-viene-sobre-adicciones-en-barrios-populares-de-america-latina/>

The journey of Celam

SEPTEMBER

World Meeting on Human Fraternity (September 12 and 13)

This global meeting was structured over two intensive days designed as "living laboratories." On September 12, the event focused on 15 thematic roundtables held in emblematic locations such as the FAO and the Capitol. These forums addressed critical issues facing humanity today, including economics and finance, health, childhood, food security, sports, artificial intelligence, and civic education. The goal of these roundtables, which brought together universities, businesses, and civic networks, was to explore the meaning of "being human today," identifying best practices and concrete actions to promote fraternity across different social spheres.

Activities culminated on September 13 with the "Assembly of Humanity" at the Capitol, where a synodal process was initiated with international experts to discern public policies and strategic responses to today's complex challenges. The day concluded with a grand event in St. Peter's Square dedicated to fraternity and featuring artists from around the world. This multimedia ceremony symbolized a "great human embrace," reaffirming the global commitment to the power of fraternity and the protection of Creation, uniting spiritual and cultural initiatives in a single call for peace.

Addiction training in Panama (September 15-21)

During this week, strategic visits were made in Panama City to institutions working with vulnerable populations, particularly those affected by addiction and HIV/AIDS. The delegation strengthened ties with the Social Ministry of the Archdiocese through the Juan Pablo II Home, which cares for homeless people.

A key part of the agenda was the comparative analysis of therapeutic models: visits were made to the CREA Homes, which follow traditional methods, and REMAR, which integrates a recycling industry into its treatment program, although limitations were observed in actual labor reintegration.

The mission also included a visit to the Buen Samaritano Home, which supports people living with HIV/AIDS who also struggle with substance abuse, highlighting that addiction treatment is essential for adherence to medical care. Collaborative networks were established with international institutions, including Hospitalito Masantonio in Argentina. Additionally, the delegation participated in the "SanaMente" program on Radio Claret Digital to discuss prevention. The week concluded with an interfaith forum where representatives from different Christian denominations discussed ways to coordinate community-based responses through parishes and temples, fostering remarkable openness and ecumenical collaboration.

Visit to Borgo Laudato si' (September 16)

Activities in Rome began with a meaningful visit to Castel Gandolfo. Together with representatives from Imdosoc (Karen Castillo and Monica Chavez), the delegation toured the "Borgo Laudato Si'," warmly welcomed by Father Leonel Alfaro. The visit included the gardens and new facilities of this emblematic project promoted by Pope Francis.

Borgo Laudato Si' is a comprehensive initiative that serves two essential purposes in one space: it functions as a center for higher education, forming the educational heart of the project, and operates an agricultural system guided by the principles of integral ecology. The visit offered a firsthand look at how environmental education, ecological spirituality, and sustainable agriculture can be integrated, serving as an inspiring model for replicating care for our Common Home in other regions.

Research stay in Ecuador by Fr. Jaime Gutiérrez (September 15-26)

Father Jaime Eduardo Gutiérrez Daza carried out a research stay in Ecuador, divided into two periods (September 15-19 and September 23-26), as part of his doctoral thesis on the "meaning of life." This academic mobility allowed him to access local bibliographic and documentary sources that greatly enriched his theological reflection.

The visit's purpose was not only to collect data but also to strengthen his research approach through exchanges with academic peers. During his stay, he consolidated ties with local institutions dedicated to philosophical and theological studies. This activity highlights the importance of academic mobility promoted by CELAM and demonstrates how its archives and networks remain vital resources for researchers studying ecclesial history, theology, and their impact on public and social life in Latin America.

CEILAC and Human Rights Commission Meeting (September 26)

Two strategic meetings were held. At the CEILAC (Latin American and Caribbean Integral Ecology Commission) meeting, participants discussed the "South-South Document" and proposed the creation of an Ecclesial Socio-Environmental Observatory in collaboration with the University of Notre Dame. Key actors such as SELACC, CEAMA, and REPAM were identified to integrate this observatory, and plans were made for the Church's presence in the "Blue Zone" of COP 30 with three cardinals representing Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Simultaneously, the Human Rights Promotion Commission met with Emilce Cuda to discuss the role of ecclesial diplomacy and interreligious dialogue in peacebuilding. The South-South Document was proposed as a framework to initiate peace dialogues, and a simple document was suggested to guide contin-

ued dialogue with the Pontifical Commission for Latin America (CAL), defining with whom and how to establish effective discussion tables in response to global conflicts, such as the situation in Gaza.

IX Assembly of Redlapsi (September 18)

As part of activities in Rome, the IX Assembly of the Latin American Network of Social Thought of the Church (Redlapsi) was held. Karen Castillo, outgoing coordinator, presented a management report highlighting the success of a series of webinars on the social teaching of Pope Francis, which drew significant participation from young Latin Americans.

The central focus of the assembly was the renewal of leadership to continue promoting the dissemination and deepening of the Church's social doctrine across the continent. The election of the new board of directors resulted in a diverse team: Rosana Manzini, Eduardo Ramos, Roxana Esqueff, Juan José Richter, and Miguel Ricardo Gómez. This new team assumes the challenge of keeping the network active and strengthening ties among the various centers of Catholic social thought in the region.

Jubilee and Synodal Meeting for Hopeful Discernment on the Future of Life and the Family (September 17-19, 2025)

From September 17 to 19, 2025, the Jubilee and Synodal Meeting for Hopeful Discernment on the Future of Life and the Family took place, a highly significant continental and intercontinental event that brought together 41 participants. The initiative was convened by Redlapsi, a body of the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CELAM). To ensure theological depth and global connectivity, CELAM established key collaborations with the Pontifical Academy for Life (PAV) and the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage and Family.

The meeting's main objective was twofold: to learn about and highlight the valuable work and impact of the study, training, and integration centers within this network and similar networks on other continents. The involvement of PAV and the Pontifical John Paul II Institute, coordinated through the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, enriched the dialogue and helped build bridges between continents. The ultimate goal of this collaborative effort is to create and strengthen regional and intercontinental networks that enable joint actions to ensure dignified living conditions for all.

Mission Festival in Turin (September 19-30)

The festival officially began on September 19 at Sermig under the theme "Conquering Peace and Organizing Hope." The launch event featured speeches from prominent figures, including Cardinal Matteo Maria Zuppi. During the festival, high-impact social and cultural exhibitions were inaugurated, such as *The Guts of Palermo* and *Passion Amazonia*, the latter in honor of Father Ezechiele Ramin, Comboni martyr.

Towards the end of the month, the Theological Faculty hosted key events, including the photographic exhibition *Children of Haiti*, in collaboration with AVVENIRE, depicting the realities of Haitian youth. On September 30, a session on the Congo and a closing press conference took place with the participation of CELAM representatives such as Cesár Piscoya. The festival served as a bridge of solidarity and awareness, highlighting missionary realities in conflict and marginalized areas.

CELAM's COPASST promotes the Collection of Plastic Bottle Caps in Support of the Environment and Solidarity (September 19, 2025)

CELAM's COPASST (Joint Committee on Occupational Safety and Health) launched this initiative, which combines environmental care with social solidarity. A collection box was installed next to multipurpose room 1 on the fourth floor for employees and visitors to deposit plastic bottle caps. These collect-

ed caps have a charitable purpose: they will be delivered to an institution that transforms them into tangible aid for people in vulnerable situations. This simple initiative reflects CELAM's commitment to caring for our Common Home and promotes a culture of care starting with everyday gestures. The message is clear: *"Every cap counts, and together we make a difference!"*

Porticus Workshop at CELAM (September 22 and 23, 2025)

The Porticus workshop, held over two days at CELAM headquarters, was a space for reflection and collaboration that brought together pastoral and administrative teams, as well as representatives from projects supported by Porticus. The main goal was to strengthen coordination between CELAM initiatives and Porticus' strategic approaches. Through participatory activities, attendees identified collaboration opportunities, shared best practices, and reaffirmed their commitment to a Church that provides a co-responsible and transformative response to the continent's challenges, promoting integrated management with social and pastoral impact in Latin America.

Coordination with Popular Movements in Rome (September 22-26)

This week of coordination served as a prelude to the global meeting of popular movements. The agenda included visits to symbolic sites in Rome, such as Spin Time and the Quarticciolo neighborhood, facilitating encounters with local movements like Quarticciolo Ribelle. A dynamic of community coexistence was fostered, combining ecclesial engagement with shared meals and political discussions, highlighting a new participation structure where delegations from local churches attend as "companions" rather than directors.

A key topic discussed was the operational and material autonomy of the movements. Unlike the 2014 and 2016 meetings, where the Vatican covered all costs, in this "second phase" movements must seek self-management. While the Church continues to provide support, reliance on the Dicastery for basic needs (such as food or lodging) when local capacity exists was discouraged, to encourage genuine autonomy. The goal is a relationship of true accompaniment rather than mere charitable assistance.

Addiction training in Costa Rica (September 22-26)

The visit to Costa Rica focused on learning about and strengthening pastoral experiences in vulnerable areas. The delegation toured Bajos del Cacao, a marginal neighborhood with little state presence, to understand the reality of exclusion faced by children and families. The work of Pastor Xiomara in accom-

panying women was highlighted, demonstrating a model of comprehensive support.

During the week, a course on pastoral care was given at the "Rostro de Jesús" Therapeutic Community, aimed at agents of different faiths, which succeeded in generating a strong sense of community. The delegation also visited the Casa Hogar San José and invited its coordinator, Father David Solano, to collaborate on the Latin American Pastoral Care Manual on Addiction. Finally, a meeting was held with Father Sergio Valverde of the "Obras del Espíritu Santo" (Works of the Holy Spirit), offering institutional support for his macro-project to build towers to house 750 young people leaving the protection system, thus consolidating strategic alliances in the country.

Workplace Coexistence Committee promotes meeting spaces (September 30, 2025)

The CELAM Workplace Coexistence Committee, in collaboration with the Human Resources team and the Administration and Finance Department, organized a special event: the eagerly awaited Movie Night in Slippers. This activity took place in the CELAM Grand Auditorium. It was designed to strengthen the bonds of fraternity and camaraderie among employees. The afternoon offered a space for rest, closeness, and joy, which is necessary to amid the demands of work. Attendees were able to enjoy the movie, popcorn, and soda in a relaxed and different atmosphere. The event reaffirmed the value of caring for the work environment as an essential part of an institution that promotes the comprehensive well-being of its members.

OCTOBER

Liturgical Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus (October 1)

The month of October began with a profound spiritual celebration in the CELAM community: the liturgical memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus. This young Carmelite saint, proclaimed Patroness of the Missions and Doctor of the Church, holds a central place in the spirituality of the Sisters of Nazareth, who provide pastoral service at CELAM headquarters and affectionately venerate her as their “little sister” and model of life.

The celebration was an invitation to embrace her “little way of spiritual life,” a path to holiness rooted in absolute trust in God’s merciful love and in carrying out daily tasks with extraordinary love. In an ecclesial context seeking to renew missionary zeal, St. Thérèse’s example reminds us that mission is not only about large structures, but also about the power of prayer and offering one’s life. Her desire to “spend heaven doing good on earth” resonated as a call to live the Gospel with simplicity, humility, and joyful dedication, inspiring all collaborators to transform their daily service into a fruitful offering for the Church across the continent.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)

On October 7, the CELAM community gathered to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, a devotion deeply rooted in the popular piety of Latin America and the Caribbean. The day began by placing the mission of the continental Church under Mary's maternal protection, recognizing her as the first disciple and missionary. During communal prayer, special intentions were offered for peace in the world and the region, and for the victims of violence, exclusion, and injustice affecting our peoples.

The Eucharistic celebration, the central event of the day, served as a visible sign of ecclesial communion, enriched by the fraternal presence of members of the Organization of Latin American Seminaries (OSLAM) and the Latin American Confederation of Religious (CLAR). This joint participation highlighted the importance of walking together—bishops, priests, consecrated persons, and laity—under Mary's guidance. The recitation of the Holy Rosary was reaffirmed not only as a pious devotion, but as a "school of hope" and a powerful instrument for praying for reconciliation and unity among peoples, as Pope Francis has urged us to pray tirelessly for peace.

Study on the Santo Domingo Document (October 28-30)



From October 28 to 30, an important study and reflection meeting was held, focusing on the Concluding Document of the Fourth General Conference of the Latin American Episcopate (Santo Domingo). The event was notable for the high-level participation of three former presidents of CELAM: Monsignor Óscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga and Monsignor Raymundo Damasceno, who attended in person, and Cardinal Monsignor Jorge Jiménez Carvajal, who participated virtually.

Also present were the current authorities of the Council: Monsignor Lizardo Estrada, Secretary General, and Father Eric García, Deputy Secretary General, along with Father Leonidas Ortiz. The meeting was strongly supported by the CELAM Archive and Library (ABC), whose resources significantly enriched the historical and theological analysis of this magisterial text.

The objective was to recover and deepen the pastoral guidelines outlined in Santo Domingo, evaluating their relevance and current application. At the conclusion of the sessions, participants expressed great satisfaction with the documentary support provided by the ABC, highlighting the invaluable contribution of these archives to rigorous research and ongoing pastoral formation in Latin America. This meeting reaffirmed CELAM's commitment to preserving the memory and magisterium of the regional Church.

Read more about this topic at ADN Celam Noticias
<https://youtu.be/s-7VmBG2HSc>

Network of Observatories and Publication “Dilexi Te” (October)

During the month of October, the Knowledge Management Center (KMC) reported significant progress on two key fronts: socio-pastoral research and the dissemination of Church teaching. On one hand, the Synodal Network for Socio-Pastoral Observation took a decisive step forward by establishing three priority thematic areas to respond to contemporary challenges: “Poverty, Exclusion, and Inequality,” “Human Rights and Access to Justice,” and “Youth and Education.” The working teams committed to collaboratively producing knowledge with pastoral impact, beginning with the creation of common glossaries and definitions.

At the same time, the KMC launched a “community use” version of the recent apostolic exhortation *Dilexi Te* by Pope Leo XIV (note: textual reference to the document, though historically it corresponds to Pope Francis). Within days of its release,

the publication had approximately two thousand downloads. With this release, six documents have now been pedagogically adapted to bring Church teaching closer to the grassroots, including the Final Document of the Synod and *Laudato Si'*. Additionally, editions of *Rerum Novarum*, *Fratelli Tutti*, and *Evangelii Gaudium* are being prepared, along with translations into Portuguese, French, and English, consolidating a popular digital library at the service of evangelization.

Strengthening and Renewal of Liturgical Ministry (October 7 and 13)

Two key events took place during the month: a virtual meeting on October 7 and a meeting of the Liturgy Commission on October 13. The purpose was to strengthen liturgical pastoral care in the region, in continuity with the spirit of the Second Vatican Council and *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. The historical journey of the CELAM animation team was analyzed, and training alternatives promoted by CEBITEPAL were discussed. The creation of a bachelor's degree was ruled out for the time being, opting instead to focus efforts on diploma courses for lay people and refresher programs for bishops, priests, and deacons, avoiding repetition of content and seeking a fresh methodology.

Working by region made it possible to identify specific needs, such as the CAMEX-Caribbean region's proposal to prioritize lay formation. Questions were raised about Latin American theology and the need to clearly define the target audience and resources. As a forward-looking initiative, it was agreed to prepare a large in-person meeting of experts in Puebla, Mexico, in August 2026. This event will require a prior process of

reflection, the design of training materials, and the formation of a solid working team to guide the process, ensuring it is not a mere repetition but a true pastoral update.



On the way to the Meeting of Shrines - Luján 2026 (October 6)

On October 6, the preparation process for the Meeting of Shrines of Latin America and the Caribbean officially began, coordinated by the PCAL (Pontifical Commission for Latin America), CELAM, and the Municipality of Luján, Argentina. The goal is to hold the in-person meeting on October 19 and 20, 2026. An interdisciplinary organizing team was formed, including theologians and experts in the Social Doctrine of the Church (SDC), to create a space for deep and horizontal dialogue.

The main themes addressed included the political management of cities hosting shrines, the religious aspects inherent to these cities, and the creation of spaces of fraternity between political and religious authorities. Special attention will be given to un-

derstanding the economic and tourism impacts to ensure they benefit local communities. All work is framed within the SDC and a synodal perspective, highlighting the role of Mary as a common Mother who fosters fraternity in the face of violence. The aim is to build peace through concrete actions of mercy and, from a gender perspective, to promote a fruitful socio-religious and political dialogue.

Towards COP 30: Ecclesial Foundations and Climate Justice (October 10)

The webinar organized by CEPRAP-CELAM and Caritas Latin America marked the launch of the position paper for COP 30. The "South-South" document was also presented, positioning the Church as a space for exchange, along with perspectives from Caritas Brazil. The event emphasized the urgency of overcoming powerlessness through hope and social prophecy, fostering dialogue between scientific knowledge and ancestral wisdom. A central proposal was the establishment of an Ecclesial Observatory on Climate Justice.

The presented documents address policy gaps and call for clear financial commitments, particularly an operational fund for "losses and damages" suffered by communities due to inhumane development models. The need for a just, community-centered energy transition and agroecological food security was highlighted, while false technological solutions that perpetuate unjust development were rejected. A warning was issued against relying solely on technology, recalling that it is not neutral and often conceals the economic interests of the powerful. Par-

ticipants were invited to value alternative economies, such as those inspired by Francis and Clare, and to support practices of resistance.

Assembly of the Walking for Peace Community Network (October 14-16)

From October 14 to 16, the Walking for Peace Community Network met to strategically plan its work for 2026. The assembly established three main areas of action: advocacy, knowledge management and training, and communications. In the training area, critical questions were raised about who should provide instruction and what content is necessary, while in communications, priority was given to disseminating the "Toolbox" and creating a strong network both internally and externally.

Regarding political and social advocacy, a joint planning workshop with Pax Christi was scheduled for January 2026, and collaboration with CEBITEPAL on the Advocacy Diploma will continue. A key decision was to strengthen institutional relationships with CLAR (Latin American Confederation of Religious) and CEPRAP-CELAM, seeking greater coordination and synergy in efforts to build peace across the continent.

Catechesis Network Meeting in Brasilia (October 27 to November 1)

From October 27 to November 1, 2025, the Latin American and Caribbean Catechesis Network held days of deep reflection and renewal in Brasilia, warmly hosted by the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil (CNBB). The main goal was to strengthen accompaniment of catechetical processes in episcopal conferences, ensuring they foster an authentic personal encounter with Jesus Christ, rooted in the sociocultural realities of the continent.

During the sessions, the urgency of advancing an ecclesiology of communion and synodality was highlighted, aimed at revitalizing catechesis in a participatory and missionary manner. A major challenge addressed was the need for comprehensive renewal, transitioning from models focused solely on sacramental preparation to mystagogical, kerygmatic, and ongoing catechesis. This shift requires training catechists as true missionary disciples rather than mere transmitters of theoretical content. Emphasis was also placed on integrating new pastoral languages, such as digital tools, art, and music, to engage new generations. Finally, the commitment to create safe and pedagogically sound environments where faith can grow with confidence and joy was reaffirmed.

Seminarian Visit to the CELAM Library (October 28)



On October 28, the CELAM Archives and Library received an important academic visit from seminarians of the Villa Paúl Major Seminary, belonging to the Vincentian Fathers. The main objective was for future priests to deepen their understanding of Latin American magisterium, exploring firsthand the rich documentation held by the institution.

The day focused especially on studying the documentation related to the Fifth General Conference of the Latin American Episcopate (Aparecida), a fundamental milestone for the continental mission. The seminarians had the opportunity to explore historical photographs and original documents linked to this ecclesial event, thus connecting with the living memory of the Church in the region.

The coordinator of the Archives and Library gave a detailed presentation on CELAM's historical significance in pastoral life across Latin America and the impact of the magisterium from

its five general conferences. The visit was not only a technical tour but a comprehensive formative experience. At the conclusion, Father Yamil Velásquez, CM, rector of the seminary, expressed gratitude, highlighting the immense value this immersion in documentary sources provides for the academic and pastoral formation of the seminarians.

Consolidation and Accompaniment in the “Life Hanging by a Thread” Campaign (October)

During this period, the operational structure was strengthened through a Strategic and Advocacy Committee, implementing key methodological tools such as risk analysis, baselines, and roadmaps to support five emblematic cases under an organizational “mentorship” model. In communications, notable progress included the activation of the campaign website and the launch of a series of podcasts in September, designed to highlight the struggles of defenders and prepare launch discussions for each case.

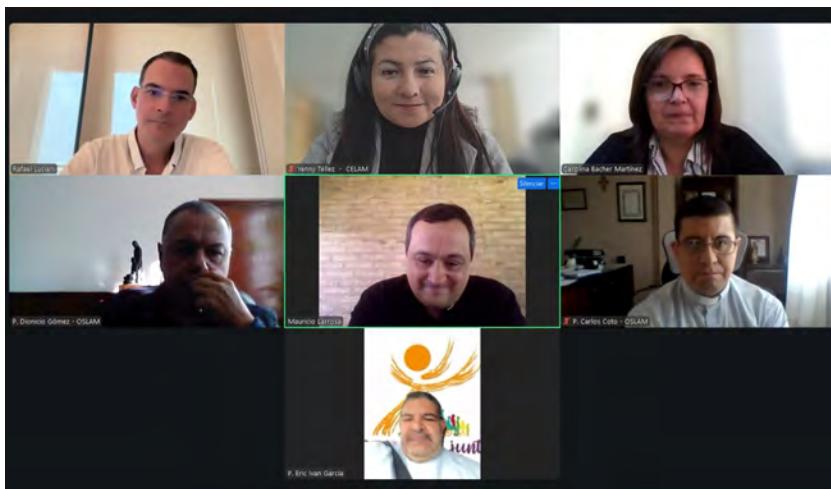
In terms of territorial accompaniment, the case in Honduras focused on legal and commemorative advocacy following the murder of defender Juan Antonio López, calling for due diligence from the Public Prosecutor’s Office. In Mexico, the on-site risk analysis with the Families of Acapulco was completed, building a support network for the search for missing persons. At the same time, in the Dominican Republic, work advanced with the Pilgrims of El Seibo through legal defense against criminalization processes and the finalization of their roadmap, preparing to disseminate their case in November.

The report also highlights progress in Paraguay with the “Women Sowing Hope,” completing their risk assessment to address challenges in Santa Rosa del Aguaray. In Colombia, the strategy prioritized the Sikuani, Nasa Páez, and Inga indigenous communities, aiming to combat stigmatization and conduct security assessments. These activities reaffirm the campaign’s commitment to weaving networks of solidarity and creating non-judicial paths to justice with ecclesial support.

NOVEMBER

Training of young priests:
CELAM-OSLAM Alliance (November 5)

ICELAM and OSLAM (Organization of Latin American Seminaries) held a key virtual meeting to design a training program for priests in their first five years of ministry (0-5 years). The meeting, chaired by Monsignor Lizardo Estrada and advised by Rafael Luciani, addressed the need for comprehensive accompaniment that integrates both initial and ongoing formation. It was agreed to develop a model with a synodal approach and participatory methodologies that encompass the human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral dimensions. This project aims to respond to challenges such as pastoral loneliness and the adaptation to ministerial life, fostering a solid vocational synthesis at a critical stage for priestly maturity.



Regional Meetings 2026: Towards Participation (November 5)

With the aim of deepening synodality at the grassroots level, CELAM brought together coordinators and hosts from the four regions to plan the 2026 cycle of meetings. Under the cross-cutting theme of "Participation," the venues and dates were set: Honduras (April), Uruguay (May), Bolivia (May), and the Antilles (June). These gatherings aim to go beyond theoretical reflection to develop concrete pastoral proposals that strengthen networking. Monsignor Lizardo Estrada encouraged ensuring a balanced presence of all the People of God, highlighting that these assemblies should be an authentic reflection of a Church that walks together.



Measuring to transform: Key points from the 3rd Colloquium of the Network of Observatories (November 22)

On November 22, 2025, the Synodal Network for Socio-Pastoral Observation, coordinated by CELAM's Knowledge Management Center (CGC), held its third virtual Colloquium. The keynote address was delivered by Yelli Durán, deputy director of the Laudato si' Observatory at the Catholic University of Costa Rica. Durán shared the organization's trajectory and presented its flagship tool: the Integral Humanistic Ecology Index. This instrument evaluates the development of nations based on three fundamental pillars: the Common Good, Care for our Common Home, and "Good Living" (spiritual and emotional well-being).

Among the findings in the 2025 report, it is notable that 65% of the world's population lives in conditions of "low integral ecology." Nevertheless, in the Latin American context, countries such as Panama, Chile, and Costa Rica lead with positive indicators. The colloquium concluded by reaffirming that interdisciplinarity and data rigor are essential for the Church to move from diagnosis to political advocacy and effective pastoral action.

Watch the full video of the colloquium here <https://youtu.be/u3NBZxrjrek>

Boost for the Clergy Commission (November 25)

In a new working session involving CELAM, OSLAM, and national representatives of the Clergy Commission, the commitment to establish a unified continental program of ongoing formation was strengthened. There was consensus on the need to avoid duplication and focus efforts on accompanying young clergy. As an operational step, December 12 was established as the deadline for mapping existing programs, with the goal of designing a common proposal by February 2026.



Human Rights, Peace, and Democracy Platform Meeting (November 28)

On November 28, the Human Rights, Peace, and Democracy Platform, with the support of Pax Christi, met to continue its advocacy processes in the region. Progress in the "For Nonviolence" campaign was highlighted, along with the announcement of plans for a second course on Active Nonviolence aimed at networks already engaged in this work across Latin America and the Caribbean.

The meeting also reported the completion of the production phase of materials and podcasts for the "*Life Hanging by a Thread*" campaign. Participants welcomed the positive impact of the webinar held with the Friends of Seibo from the Dominican Republic, who shared that they had received a "breath of fresh air" through this accompaniment. The upcoming agenda includes a webinar on December 9 to raise visibility around the risks faced by human rights defenders, and the commitment to continue the process of active solidarity with Palestine was reaffirmed.

Training for the prevention of drug use (November 28 to December 1)

From November 28 to December 1, a specialized training program on the "*Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Curriculum for Faith-Based Organizations*" was held in Cochabamba, Bolivia. This initiative arose from deep pastoral concern regarding the growing use of psychoactive substances, particularly

among adolescents and young people, and was made possible through collaboration between CICAD/OAS (Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States), CELAM's CEPRAp, and the Bolivian Episcopal Conference.

The objective was to strengthen the technical and human capacities of pastoral agents to offer comprehensive accompaniment. The experience marked a turning point, leading participants to recognize the urgency of a coordinated national response. As a concrete outcome, the Bolivian bishops were encouraged to strengthen a National Pastoral Ministry for Addictions, while participants committed themselves to establishing a national network of pastoral agents to serve as a driving force for this initiative, offering a Christian and professional response to this social crisis.

Bogotá Ecclesiastical Archives Network Meeting (November 24)

The Fourth Meeting of the Bogotá Ecclesiastical Archives Network was held at the Dominican Fathers' Convent. This meeting marked the end of the 2025 formative activities and served as a platform to define the roadmap for 2026.

Key objectives identified include strengthening the Network, incorporating new members, and offering specialized courses in archival management. Through these actions, the Network reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the preservation, safeguarding, and dissemination of the Church's documentary heritage, ensuring that ecclesial historical memory remains alive and accessible.

Strategic alliance: PUC of Chile and CELAM (November)

Authorities from the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (PUC) and CELAM met in Santiago to strengthen ties of cooperation. Fr. Osvaldo Fernández de Castro, Vice Grand Chancellor of the PUC, conveyed to Guillermo Sandoval, Director of the Knowledge Management Center, the Rectorate's interest in actively collaborating with the Episcopal Council.

As a first outcome of this alliance, Professor Paula Aguirre, head of the PUC's Vice-Rectorate for Digital Intelligence, joined CELAM's Working Group on Frontier Technologies. This team is already working on its second publication, *"Artificial Intelligence and Integral Human Development,"* scheduled for release in January, marking the beginning of a sustained agenda of academic and pastoral cooperation.

Cebitepal Course: Christian Hope (November 4-13)

The Cebitepal Training Center announced and held its final course of the year, entitled *"Christian Hope: From Advent to Easter,"* which took place from November 4 to 13. This formative proposal was framed within the preparatory context of the Jubilee of Hope and sought to offer participants a profound and free spiritual experience.

Under the guidance of Friar Michael Moore, the course proposed an itinerary spanning from the liturgical season of Advent to Easter, inviting participants to deepen their reflection

on the figure of Jesus of Nazareth as the living sign of Christian hope that does not disappoint, inspired by the biblical passage from Romans 5:5. The initiative aimed to illuminate the faith journey of pastoral agents, both lay and religious, fostering personal and communal renewal at the threshold of the new liturgical year.

More than an academic training program, the course was conceived as a space of encounter and reflection to strengthen the communal experience of hope in a Christian perspective. It offered an opportunity to pause and reflect on the foundations of faith in complex times, reinforcing the spirituality required for the evangelizing mission across the continent.

Course “Christian Hope”: A year-end closing with theological depth

Cebitepal concluded its 2025 formative agenda with the virtual course “*Christian Hope: From Advent to Easter*,” held between November 4 and 13. This academic experience symbolically marked the conclusion of the Jubilee of Hope and served as spiritual preparation for the beginning of the liturgical season of Advent.

With participants from various countries across Latin America and the Caribbean, the course provided a privileged space for biblical, theological, and pastoral reflection. Its central objective was to deepen Christian hope not as naïve optimism, but as a theological virtue capable of sustaining personal and communal life amid uncertainty. The dynamics of hope in the life of Jesus were explored, highlighting how hope is shaped, distorted in the Passion, and transfigured in the Resurrection.

Through Christological perspectives, participants were invited to reread their own life stories and the history of their peoples through the lens of a “realistic hope.” The course encouraged a critical stance toward disembodied or pessimistic spiritualities, promoting instead a mature faith committed to the transformation of reality. This formation reaffirmed Cebitepal’s mission to provide tools for an incarnated experience of the Gospel throughout the continent.

Closing of the cycle: Shared Knowledge Tables

The CGC’s Shared Knowledge Tables successfully concluded their first cycle, consolidating themselves as a significant milestone in synodality. Since September, 204 pastoral agents from 19 countries have participated in 21 working tables, addressing 16 key issues for the Church in the region.

Bishops, laypeople, and consecrated persons shared experiences and challenges within an atmosphere of listening and discernment, generating concrete pathways for a Church that goes forth. In light of the initiative’s success and the positive evaluation of participants, CELAM has confirmed the continuation of this space in 2026, with new cycles and themes that will continue to weave this living network of pastoral knowledge from the grassroots.

New Cebitepal website: A digital environment for encounter (November)

The Biblical, Theological, and Pastoral Center for Latin America and the Caribbean (Cebitepal) has launched its renewed website, conceived not merely as a technological update but as a new way of “walking together” on the digital continent. The platform (cebitepal.celam.org) has been redesigned to offer more intuitive, pastoral, and user-friendly navigation, facilitating access to its full academic offerings.

This new digital environment brings together detailed information on courses, diploma programs, canonical degrees, and continuing education initiatives in a single space. Its design reflects an understanding of communication as an ecclesial service aimed at fostering encounter and attentive listening, in full harmony with the synodal spirit animating the Church today.

More than an institutional showcase, the website is intended as a pedagogical tool that accompanies the processes of local Churches, responding with agility to the challenges of evangelization and education in the region. By centralizing resources and facilitating registration and access to virtual classrooms, Cebitepal strengthens its mission to form missionary disciples capable of responding to the signs of the times with theological depth and pastoral zeal.

Evaluation and perspectives of Ceilac (November 24)

On November 24, representatives of the Executive Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Integral Ecology Commission (Ceilac) met to evaluate their work and to project future directions. Significant achievements were highlighted, including the Assembly held in Bogotá, accompaniment of the Water Summit in Iquitos, and the drafting of the *"Global South Document,"* which has become a key reference point and letter of introduction in international forums. The animation of campaigns such as *"Life Hanging by a Thread"* and the *"Laudate Deum Route"* was also positively assessed.

Several challenges were identified, particularly the absence of a clear post-Assembly roadmap, which limited broader motivation and follow-up. To strengthen the institutional fabric in view of 2026, it was agreed to define basic criteria for co-ordination and to convene a virtual Assembly on January 14 to establish priorities and elect a new Executive Secretariat. Efforts will also be made to secure CELAM's recognition of the legitimacy of the new Secretariat, thereby ensuring greater institutional backing and convening capacity.

Anniversary preparations and progress on emblematic cases (November)

During November 2025, the management of the *"Life Hanging by a Thread"* campaign focused on strengthening its operational structure and preparing for the commemoration of its

first anniversary. The Strategic Committee planned a panel discussion for December 10 on the situation of human rights defenders in the region, with invited speakers from the United Nations and the Church, while also refining promotional audiovisual materials. The potential expansion of the campaign to new countries was discussed, contingent upon the presence of a clearly defined organizational “sponsorship” or accompaniment model. From a communications perspective, the public launch of the “Peregrinos de El Seibo” case (Dominican Republic) on November 6 was highlighted, alongside the activation of its website and the release of a dedicated podcast episode.

Regarding territorial accompaniment, the Honduras case prioritized political and legal advocacy following the murder of Juan Antonio López. Meetings were held with allies such as Amnesty International and CEJIL to demand accountability from both intellectual and material perpetrators. Preparations were also made for the December 5 evidentiary hearing, along with efforts to secure resources for expert assessments. In Mexico, work with the “Families of Acapulco” ecosystem was consolidated through participation in field visits for stakeholder mapping and the completion of podcast production, scheduled for release on December 2.

Finally, strategic adjustments were reported in both the Southern Cone and the Andean Region. In Paraguay, communications production was postponed until 2026 to prioritize coordination with organizations such as Conamuri and to mitigate the risks identified by women leaders. By contrast, the Colombia case—focused on Indigenous communities—has experienced significant delays due to the operational overload of the proposing organization (PI Suramérica). As a result, the Committee will need to redefine next steps during its December session.

DECEMBER

Advent Retreat at CELAM (December 1, 2025)

The month began with a day of spiritual renewal for the entire CELAM community, gathered in the institution's main auditorium. This retreat in preparation for Christmas was led by Rev. Fr. Thomas Anton Pfeifer, O.R.C., a member of the Canons Regular of the Holy Cross. Throughout the day, the priest guided participants through profound theological reflections aimed at fostering a deeper interiorization of the mystery of Christ's birth. The gathering, marked by an atmosphere of prayer and fraternity, concluded solemnly with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, strengthening the sense of communion within the team as it approached the Christmas season.



Technical and methodological preparation for the “III Meeting of CEPRAP Platforms, Networks, and Programs” (December 2-5, 2025)

The team from the Center for Pastoral Action Programs and Networks (CEPRAP) held a strategic in-person meeting in Bogotá, focusing its efforts on the foundational organization of the next major gathering scheduled for February 2026. The primary objective was to establish the technical and methodological bases for the event, ensuring that planning would not be merely logistical, but rather grounded in a solid strategy to address upcoming challenges.

During these working sessions, efforts were made to consolidate a qualitative shift toward greater operational capacity, with the aim that synodal reflections move beyond intentions and translate into concrete actions through a renewed model of co-responsibility. The center's identity was reinforced as a “polyhedron of diversity” and as a bridge to the Episcopal Conferences, with the clear goal of overcoming fragmented efforts and ensuring an evangelizing mission that is both measurable and attainable.

CELAM and OVLAC Network strengthen their strategic alliance at their second working meeting (December 5, 2025)

With the firm intention of advancing toward the implementation of shared projects, the Second Meeting of the Steering Team

of the Network of the Order of Consecrated Virgins of Latin America and the Caribbean (OVLAC) was held together with senior leadership from CELAM. The meeting included notable institutional participation, among them Fr. Erik García, Deputy Secretary General; Oscar Elizalde, Director of Communications; Guillermo Sandoval, Director of the Knowledge Management Center; and Rafael Luciani, Director of CEBITEPAL. This joint working session unfolded in a highly productive, effective, and strategic atmosphere, allowing for deep alignment between the objectives of the Network and the Council's pastoral and academic areas.



Participants described the dialogue as an inspiring space that concluded with a clear roadmap and concrete tasks for both parties. Beyond technical planning, the spiritual dimension of

the alliance was strongly emphasized, recognizing the Holy Spirit as the true protagonist of the Network and the will of Jesus Christ the Bridegroom as its fundamental guide. In this spirit of communion, the team extended an invitation to prayer to sustain these efforts, reaffirming that each step taken seeks to serve both consecrated virgins and the evangelizing mission of the Church throughout the continent.

Bilateral meeting with the Southern Cone Region - Regional Meetings 2026 (December 8, 2025)

CELAM held a strategic meeting with hosts and coordinators from the Southern Cone region to refine preparations for the Regional Meeting to be held in Uruguay from May 4 to 8, 2026. The working agenda included a thorough review of logistical aspects, such as the suitability of accommodations, transportation arrangements, and the configuration of liturgical spaces.

On the thematic level, progress was made in the selection of experts who will address critical social issues, with particular attention given to the challenges of narco-culture and citizen participation. To foster an atmosphere of genuine dialogue and communion, it was agreed to include a Uruguayan cultural evening, pastoral visits, and to ensure the active participation of seminarians. The central objective reaffirmed by the team is to offer an enriching event that responds meaningfully to the reality of the Latin American and Caribbean Church.

Bilateral meeting with the Andean Region - Regional Meetings 2026 (December 9, 2025)



A detailed planning session was held with the Andean region to organize the meeting in Bolivia, scheduled for May 25-29, 2026, which will bring together 45 participants around the theme of synodality.

Together with Guillermo Sandoval and Monsignor Giovani Edgar Arana, Bishop of El Alto and Secretary General of the Bolivian Episcopate, a solid logistical infrastructure was confirmed. This includes a retreat house with 42 private rooms, food services, and affordable costs. In addition, the establishment of a fully equipped temporary administrative office—providing computing resources, printing, and technical support—was agreed upon to facilitate the smooth development of the event.

At the celebratory level, the presence of senior ecclesial authorities was confirmed, including the Apostolic Nuncio and the President of the Episcopal Conference. The agenda will also incorporate a local ecclesial experience and a Bolivian cultural evening. Finally, it was agreed that the core materials and background documents would be distributed during the month of January, thus ensuring an orderly and fruitful process of joint preparation.

Launch of the Mapping of Women Leaders in the Latin American Church (December 11, 2025)

The Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM) officially presented the *“Mapping of Women Leaders in the Church and Society,”* a pastoral initiative aimed at making visible and acknowledging the vital contribution of women across the continent. During the live broadcast, representatives of CELAM and the Commission on Women in the Church and Society explained that this project responds directly to the calls of the Ecclesial Assembly and the Synod on Synodality. Through a rigorous process of selection and interviews, the testimonies of 15 women leaders from diverse cultural, social, and ethnic backgrounds were documented. Through their quiet yet steadfast service, these women sustain their communities and help to build social cohesion amid complex and challenging contexts.

The event served not only to launch the interactive digital platform that hosts these testimonies, but also to foster reflection on baptismal dignity and the urgent need for greater participation of women in ecclesial decision-making processes. The

interventions underscored the importance of denouncing both structural and domestic violence, presenting the recognition of these forms of leadership as a concrete pathway toward a more just and equitable Church. Finally, the People of God were invited to explore the CELAM website and encounter these stories of resilience, which stand as beacons of hope and authentic models of evangelical commitment.

CELAM presents synodal resource for living Advent with hope and joy (December)

To accompany the journey of the People of God toward Christmas, the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CELAM) has made available four pastoral resources designed to help communities live each Sunday of Advent in a deeper and more intentional way. Under the title *“Advent Prayer Resources for Living Synodal Spirituality (2025)”*, this initiative—developed through the collaboration of specialists from across the region—offers a comprehensive guide that integrates prayer, reflection on Sacred Scripture, and concrete communal practices. Its purpose is to prepare hearts for the coming of Jesus by renewing hope and joy amid a wounded world, and by transforming this season of waiting into an opportunity to strengthen fraternal bonds and cultivate a culture of encounter.

Each of the four resources proposes a spiritual itinerary that extends beyond the Sunday liturgy, inviting families, parishes, and religious communities to embody tangible synodal gestures: deep listening, fearless dialogue, and the welcoming of those on the margins. In a context that cries out for reconciliation, these materials seek to ensure that the joy of the Gospel is

not merely a passing sentiment, but a driving force for concrete actions of peace and solidarity. In this way, CELAM encourages the entire Advent season to be lived as a shared journey of conversion and spiritual renewal, where God's closeness and tenderness become visible in the daily life of every community.

To download the resources, visit <https://sinodo.celam.org/>



Publications

Women in Synodality. Memories of the Process: Women in the Church and Society (2021-2023).



Author: Animating Commission of the Women in the Church and Society Focus Area.

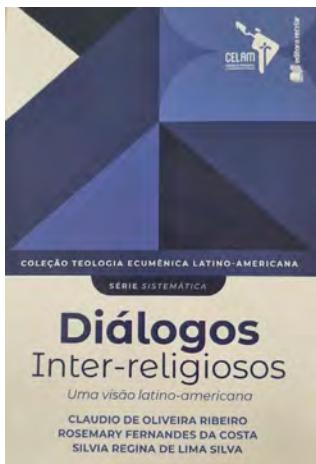
Publisher: CELAM.

This publication examines the situation of women in society and within the Church, highlighting the need for reflection and coordinated action to transform a culture that has historically rendered women invisible and subjected them to male authority. The work seeks to contribute to processes of discernment, theological grounding, and

prophetic pastoral action, with a particular emphasis on the promotion of women's rights and the eradication of all forms of violence they endure.

Access the book here: <https://bit.ly/4oTLOlU>

TELA Collection: Interreligious Dialogues: A Latin American Perspective.



Authors: Claudio Ribeiro, Rosemary da Costa, and Silvia Regina Silva.

Publisher: Editora Recriar and Editorial CELAM.

This volume offers essential conceptual elements for reflection on interreligious and interdenominational dialogue in Latin America, addressing practical dimensions from both historical and contemporary perspectives. The text underscores the importance of cooperation among religious groups, grounded in the threefold dimension of ecumenism:

the pursuit of Christian unity; the promotion of a just and inclusive society that embraces all sectors; and interreligious dialogue as a pathway to overcoming conflict, fostering peace, and achieving a just communion among peoples.

Access the book here: <https://www.editorarecriar.com/catalogo-completo/colecao-tela-dialogos-inter-religiosos-claudio-ribeiro-rosemary-da-costa-silvia-regina-silva>

TEL A Collection: Rites of the Christian Faith (Vol. 1).



Authors: Elias Wolff and Claudete Beise Ulrich.

Publisher: Editora Recriar and Editorial CELAM.

Part of the Latin American Theology (TEL A) collection, this work explores the fundamental rites of the Christian faith, focusing specifically on Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Eucharist). From an ecumenical perspective rooted in the Latin American context, the authors reflect on the theological, liturgical,

and pastoral dimensions of these sacraments, seeking pathways of encounter and unity among the diverse Christian traditions present in the region.

Access the book here:

<https://www.editorarecriar.com/catalogo-completo/ritos-da-fé-cristã-vol-2-elias-wolff-claudete-beise-ulrich-jose-mario-gon-calves>

TELA Collection: Rites of the Christian Faith (Vol. 2).



Authors: Elias Wolff, Claudete Beise Ulrich, and José Mario Gonçalves.

Publisher: Editora Recriar and Editorial CELAM.

This second volume continues the theological and pastoral reflection initiated in the previous work, expanding its scope to include other fundamental rites of Christian life from an ecumenical perspective. The text focuses on *rites of passage*, with particular attention to the celebrations of Marriage and Funerals.

The authors examine liturgical convergences and divergences among different traditions, offering insights into how churches accompany conjugal love and experiences of mourning, while consistently seeking spaces of encounter and dialogue within the Latin American context.

Access the book here: <https://www.editorarecriar.com/catalogo-completo/ritos-da-fe-crista-vol-2-elias-wolff-claudete-beise-ulrich-jose-mario-goncalves>

Upcoming courses and diploma programs at CEBITEPAL

CEBITEPAL opens its 2026 training agenda

The CEBITEPAL Theological Center opens its 2026 training agenda with a renewed and comprehensive proposal, closely aligned with the Church's synodal journey. This new formative cycle offers courses and diploma programs aimed at strengthening pastoral leadership, accompanying synodal processes, and responding to the challenges of the present time.

The 2026 educational offering integrates contextualized theological and pastoral formation through programs taught by professors and specialists, ensuring both academic rigor and fidelity to the Church's path in today's context. It is addressed to bishops, priests, women and men religious, and lay faithful, and is supported by highly respected faculty of outstanding academic and pastoral standing, drawn from diverse ecclesial and academic realities.

Discount coupon and payment. As part of this formative proposal, CEBITEPAL offers a special **30% discount** through the coupon **CEBITEPAL30**, available for selected training programs. This initiative reinforces the Center's commitment to accessible formation, encouraging broader participation in theological and pastoral training processes.

For more information and registration: <https://cebitepal.celam.org/>

DIPLOMAS AND COURSES

Diploma course: Synodality in Sacred Scripture

Start date: February 17

A formative program that explores synodality in the light of Sacred Scripture as a shared path of the People of God.

Diploma course instructor: Juan Alberto Casas Ramírez

Diploma Course: The Latin American Magisterium: History, Development, and Challenges

Start date: February 18

A journey through the main milestones of the Latin American Magisterium and its current pastoral, social, and ecclesial challenges.

Course instructor: José de Jesús Legorreta Zepeda

Free Course the Poor Church for the Poor: From the Council to Dilexit

This course, offered in Portuguese, provides a profound and timely reflection on a central axis of the Christian faith: the inseparable relationship between Jesus Christ, the Church, and the poor.

Start date: February 19

Course instructor: Francisco Aquino Júnior

Promotional Course People of God: Community and Historical Subject

Start date: February 10

Based on the contemporary reception of the Second Vatican Council, with particular emphasis on *Lumen Gentium* and the

sensus fidei fidelium, this course approaches synodality as a theological and historical development in the life of the Church. Course instructor: Rafael Luciani

Promotional Course the Diaconate in a Synodal Church

Start date: February 17

This course offers a theological and pastoral perspective on the diaconal ministry within the horizon of a fully ministerial and synodal Church.

Course instructor: Luca Garbinetto

Course Communication in a Synodal Church

Start date: February 12

This course addresses communication as a fundamental means of communion, participation, and mission in a synodal Church, beyond the mere transmission of information.

Course instructors: Oscar Elizalde, Mons. Jorge Lozano, Fr. Pedro Brassesco, Fernando Vásquez

Course: Pastoral Councils and Organizations of Participation in the Church

Start date: February 26

A course aimed at strengthening participation, co-responsibility, and processes of community discernment in local churches.

Course instructor: Carolina Bacher Martínez

Course: A Poor Church for the Poor: From the Council to Dilexi Te

Start date: February 18

The course analyzes conciliar and magisterial sources to understand the option for the poor as a theological position and central criterion for ecclesial renewal.

Course instructor: Francisco Aquino Júnior

Course: Latin American Christology Today

The course concludes by proclaiming Jesus as the most excellent model possible, the paradigm of humanity and, even more, as the one who draws us from the Father to enable us to follow him.

Start date: February 19

Course instructor: Pedro Trigo, SJ.

Reconciling Synodality: Conflict Management in the Church

The course proposes a spiritual and communal path that strengthens discernment, care for the interior life, and processes that integrate truth, mercy, and justice.

Start date: February 20

Course instructor: Elías López Pérez, SJ.

Course: Preaching in a Synodal Church: Proclaiming the Gospel Today

Start date: March 14

This course invites participants to renew the art of preaching in the spirit of the Synod: preaching that arises from communal

listening, discerns God's will in history, and encourages the entire community to participate actively in the mission. Course instructor: Félix Palazzi and Marco Enrique Salas

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Episcopal appointments (September-December)

September 24

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Monsignor Giovanni Cefai, bishop of the Prelature of Huancané, as Apostolic Administrator of the Territorial Prelature of Juli (Peru).

October 7

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Rev. Luis Carlos Lerma Martínez, of the clergy of the Archdiocese of Chihuahua, currently Vicar General of the same Archdiocese, as bishop of the diocese of Nuevo Laredo (Mexico).

October 18

Pope Leo XIV has appointed His Excellency Carlos Tomás Morel Diplán, until now bishop of the diocese of La Vega, as coadjutor archbishop of the metropolitan archdiocese of Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic).

October 23

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Rev. Franklin Misael Betancourt, of the Diocese of Ipiales, currently a formator at the Los Sagrados Corazones de Jesús y María Major Seminary in Pasto, as Bishop of Tumaco (Colombia).

October 25

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Rev. George Luís Amaral Muniz, of the clergy of the diocese of Viana, until now Vicar General and Diocesan Treasurer, as bishop of Propriá (Brazil).

October 31

Pope Leo XIV has appointed His Excellency Andrés Gabriel Ferrada Moreira as bishop of the diocese of San Bartolomé de Chillán (Chile), transferring him from the titular see of Tiburnia and from the office of secretary of the Dicastery for the Clergy, while retaining the personal title of archbishop.

November 4

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Rev. Fr. Pedro Orlando Castro Castro, O.F.M., until now Vicar Provincial of the Franciscan Province of the Twelve Apostles and Parish Vicar of Santa María de Jesús, Diocese of Carabayllo, as Coadjutor Apostolic Vicar of San Ramón (Peru).

November 5

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Rev. Gilson Meurer, of the clergy of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Florianópolis, as bishop of the Diocese of Lages (Brazil). Until now, he has been rector of the Convívio Emaús Theological Seminary of that archdiocese.

November 14

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Rev. José Camilo Arbeláez Montoya, of the clergy of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Medellín, until now parish priest of La Visitación, as bishop of Vélez (Colombia).

November 20

Pope Leo XIV has appointed His Excellency Joel Ocampo Gorostieta, until now bishop of the diocese of Ciudad Altamirano, as bishop of the diocese of Zamora (Mexico).

November 21

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Rev. Elieser Antonio Rivero Barrios, of the clergy of the diocese of San Felipe, until now Vicar General of San Fernando de Apure (Venezuela), as bishop of the diocese of San Fernando de Apure.

November 26

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Rev. Jesús Alberto Torres Ariza, of the clergy of the diocese of Valledupar, until now Episcopal Vicar for pastoral care, Episcopal Delegate for social pastoral care, and parish priest of Santa María Madre y Reina de la Paz in Valledupar, as bishop of San José Guaviare (Colombia).

November 26

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Rev. Celso Alexandre, of the clergy of the Diocese of Ourinhos, currently parish priest of the Cathedral of Senhor Bom Jesus; and Rev. Márcio Antonio Vidal de Negreiros, O.S.A., currently secretary general of the Organization of Augustinians of Latin America and the Caribbean (OALA).

November 29

Pope Leo XIV has appointed as auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Fortaleza (Brazil) the Rev. Jânison de Sá Santos, of the clergy of the Diocese of Propriá, until now assistant under-secretary of Pastoral Care of the C.N.B.B., and the Reverend Antônio Carlos do Nascimento, of the clergy of the Archdiocese of Fortaleza, until now judicial vicar of the Ecclesiastical Court.

December 3

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Rev. Evandro Campos Maria, of the clergy of the same archdiocese, until now Rector of the Archdiocesan Seminary Coração Eucarístico de Jesus, as auxiliary bishop of the metropolitan archdiocese of Belo Horizonte (Brazil).

December 4

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Rev. John Mario Mesa Palacio, of the clergy of Santa Rosa de Osos, as apostolic vicar of Leticia (Colombia). He was previously director of the Office for the Promotion of Ecclesial Spaces of Communion and Synodality of the Colombian Episcopal Conference.

December 6

Pope Leo XIV has appointed His Excellency Salvador González Morales as bishop of the diocese of Cancún-Chetumal (Mexico). Until now, he has been titular bishop of Lacubaza and auxiliary bishop of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Mexico. He has also appointed Father José Eugenio Ramos Delgado as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Monterrey.

December 12

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Luciano Maza Huamán, until then Vicar General of this jurisdiction, as the new Archbishop of Piura and Tumbes in Peru.

Deaths (September - December)

September 1

Monsignor Alejandro Goic Karmelic (Chile)

Bishop Emeritus of Rancagua and former Vice President of the Episcopal Conference of Chile.

September 11

Monsignor José Libardo Ramírez Gómez (Colombia)

Bishop Emeritus of Garzón and former president of the National Ecclesiastical Court.

September 30

Monsignor Adélio Giuseppe Tomasin (Brazil)

Bishop Emeritus of Quixadá (Ceará).

October 9

Monsignor Víctor Rafael de la Barra Tagle, S.V.D.

Bishop Emeritus of Illapel (Chile)

October 15

Monsignor Edward Joseph Gilbert, C.Ss.R.

Archbishop Emeritus of Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago, Antilles)

October 25

Monsignor José Moreira de Melo

Bishop Emeritus of Itapeva (São Paulo, Brazil)

October 26

Monsignor Francisco Moreno Barrón,

Archbishop of Tijuana (Baja California Norte, Mexico)

November 2

Monsignor Alejo Zavala Castro
Bishop Emeritus of Chilpancingo-Chilapa (Guerrero, Mexico)

November 9

Monsignor Lorenzo Cárdenas Aregullín
Bishop Emeritus of Papantla (Puebla, Mexico)

November 11

Monsignor João Casimiro Wilk, OFM Conv.
Bishop of Anápolis (Goiás, Brazil)

December 1

Monsignor Osvaldo Giuntini
Bishop Emeritus of Marília (São Paulo, Brazil)

December 5

Monsignor Mario Busquets Jordá
Prelate Emeritus of Chuquibamba (Peru)

December 9

Monsignor Rodolfo Wirz Kraemer
Bishop Emeritus of Maldonado-Punta del Este (Uruguay)

December 10

Monsignor Rafael Leónidas Felipe Núñez
Bishop Emeritus of Barahona (Dominican Republic)

December 18

Monsignor Héctor Luis Peña Gómez
Bishop Emeritus of Holguín (Cuba)

Agreements signed

No.	Entity / Partner	Purpose of the Agreement
1	Latin American Confederation of Religious (CLAR)	To establish an alliance between CELAM (through CEPRAP) and CLAR to contribute to the fees of Marco Fabián Laguatasi Correa, to carry out activities of the Centrality of Children Project (PCN), promoting children as a pastoral and social priority in Latin America and the Caribbean.
2	Aníbal Pastor Children	The joint production of various pastoral reference publications aimed at communities in Latin America. These publications will be aligned with the Social Teaching of the Church and written in clear, accessible, and educational language for community use.
3	Dora Milena Moreno Gamba	Providing graphic design and layout services for communication products related to research, documents, and other publications led by the Knowledge Management Center, under the coordination of the CELAM Communication Center.
4	Adriana Moreno García	Style review services for publications and editorial products related to pastoral centers (research, documents, and other publications).

To revisit and participate

CELAM, through the Center for Communication, makes available recordings of events and material produced during the period from May to August:

SEPTEMBER

Sept 1 - How was the new Network of Catholic Radio Stations in Latin America and the Caribbean formed? Find out here
<https://youtu.be/ZIvM70t23io>

Sept 1 - Reflections for the Journey: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
<https://youtu.be/r1P8QPuLUuY>

Sept 2 - Opening Eucharist: Latin American Meeting of the Network for a Culture of Care
https://youtube.com/live/Th_zfGQbEwg?feature=share

Sept 2 - Faces and Voices: The Amazonian Church Redefines Its Path
<https://youtu.be/r6vdzljIuk8>

Sept 3 - Eucharist with the Secretary General of CELAM from the Dominican Republic
<https://youtube.com/live/efVyiKVv7Is?feature=share>

Sept 4 - Closing Eucharist: 3rd Meeting of the Network for a Culture of Care
https://youtube.com/live/z_o0JvEc_YM?feature=share

Sept 8 - Reflections for the Journey: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

<https://youtu.be/WmlHnYiCfms>

Sept 9 - Faces and Voices: What is the future of the Amazonian Church?

https://youtu.be/Oyz9908_2z0

Sept 10 - New podcast September 10, 2025

<https://youtu.be/-xzw8zWvBNE>

Sept 11 - Second day of the pastoral visit of the CELAM presidency

https://youtube.com/live/OX0Q_8hcUVs?feature=share

Sept 12 - Third day of the apostolic visit of the CELAM presidency

<https://youtube.com/live/mk2hJBD2zb0?feature=share>

Sept 12 - Juan Antonio López Awards

<https://youtube.com/live/z7yQScc6VaY?feature=share>

Sept 13 - Happy Birthday, Holy Father

<https://youtu.be/RqZCWjjSx8o>

Sept 15 - Life hangs by a thread: Chapter 2 Giving drink to the thirsty: The price paid by Juan López

https://youtu.be/ka3_wDL1g7U

Sept 16 - Faces and Voices: What does the future hold for religious life in Latin America in the time of Leo XIV?

<https://youtu.be/l7JQz8RQuFk>

Sept 20 - Episode 7: Latin American Networks in the Fight Against Human Trafficking

<https://youtu.be/cXYOAbb7A9o>

Sept 21 - Reflections for the Journey: International Day of Peace

<https://youtu.be/nAhxGeONM1E>

Sept 22 - What does Pope Leo XIV expect from the bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean?

<https://youtu.be/HPSGxFb60iw>

Sept 22 - Prayer for the Defenders of Our Common Home

<https://youtu.be/l4bSdbmY2eg>

Sept 22 - Launch of the joint digital campaign: "Migrants, Missionaries, and Missionaries of Hope "

<https://youtube.com/live/HJBx4uNYXXM?feature=share>

Sept 23 - Faces and Voices: CELAM 70 years at the service of the Church on the continent

https://youtu.be/lQ9Nx8kuw_g

Sept 24 - Latin American Polyhedron: Ziza Fernandes, music therapist at the service of the Latin American Church

<https://youtu.be/GZG29ewAqx8>

Sept 25 - 2nd colloquium for the creation and strengthening of observatories

<https://youtube.com/live/OIc2MAAs04s?feature=share>

Sept 30 - Faces and Voices: The Church in Guayaquil at the heart of the peripheries

<https://youtu.be/FRNed2j4GaE>

OCTOBER

Oct. 7 - Faces and Voices: Caritas Latin America and the Caribbean reinforces its commitment to the peripheries
<https://youtu.be/jCRMlzPOQgw>

Oct. 8 - Latin American Polyhedron: Human rights defender Dora Lucy recalls the legacy of Juan López
https://youtu.be/KhsLZhSIw_U

Oct. 8 - Catholic Days of Action for Nonviolence
<https://youtube.com/live/cbZlGZCucWM?feature=share>

Oct. 9 - Together, the Pan-American synodal formation ecosystem at the service of the whole Church, arrives
<https://youtu.be/YYYoQ7dJ56U>

Oct. 9 - Launch of the Pastoral Care of Addictions Manual for Latin America and the Caribbean
<https://youtube.com/live/OdrqWj5xONw?feature=share>

Oct. 10 - Message from the Secretary General of CELAM on the Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi te
https://youtu.be/znlnhq_kFus

Oct. 11 - Reflections for the Journey: Feast of John XIII, the Good Pope
<https://youtu.be/CQ9KjTEGpCw>

Oct. 12 - Reflections for the Journey Feast of Our Lady of Aparecida
https://youtu.be/R_z4opmANHO

Oct. 13 - What is the Pan-American formation ecosystem Together? How do I sign up?

<https://youtu.be/JgXCTJTa5jM>

Oct. 14 - Faces and Voices: Leonardo Steiner, Cardinal of the Brazilian Amazon

<https://youtu.be/cPzgVCHHxqg>

Oct. 14 - Masterclass: Tips for implementing the Synod

<https://youtube.com/live/Elr23Jlyy4U?feature=share>

Oct. 14 - Jubilee of Indigenous Peoples (Day 1)

<https://youtube.com/live/KWKPF-vxwhs?feature=share>

Oct. 15 - Jubilee of Indigenous Peoples (Day 2)

<https://youtube.com/live/rNCAKNKEiPo?feature=share>

Oct. 16 - Jubilee of Indigenous Peoples (Day 3)

<https://youtube.com/live/fjpXON9fw8s?feature=share>

Oct. 17 - No schedule, free, with a certificate, and from your home: Study with us at Together

<https://youtu.be/oZ4PThKAMHA>

Oct. 19 - Reflections for the Journey: World Mission Sunday 2025

<https://youtu.be/ejKQaT8RoLk>

Oct. 20 - Pastoral commitments from CELAM for all of Latin America and the Caribbean

<https://youtu.be/uYflq3XGtAQ>

Oct. 21 - The Fourth Latin American Congress of Theology begins in Lima, with the CELAM DNA team in attendance

<https://youtu.be/6-UDW5sj9Ps>

Oct. 21 - Faces and Voices: Laura Vicuña, the nun with her heart planted in the Amazon
<https://youtu.be/ysI4F8dcfDA>

Oct. 21 - Together, the Pan-American ecosystem for formation in synodality, has arrived
<https://youtu.be/yxMXDCnEAbM>

Oct. 22 - Reflections for the Journey: Feast of St. John Paul II
https://youtu.be/8LDxYFl_bGs

Oct. 22 - Latin American Polyhedron: Ana Martiarena talks about the mission of the World Observatory of Women
<https://youtu.be/M6GNzwMjXPO>

Oct. 22 - Sentinel Video-podcast: EPI "Missionary disciples reaching out"
<https://youtube.com/live/Ljuhmxy725o?feature=share>

Oct. 23 - The pilgrims of Seibo, the march for the right to sow
<https://youtu.be/-YJqUTe3ezM>

Oct. 24 - IV Continental Congress of Latin American Theology
<https://youtube.com/live/akzYVrP3nl?feature=share>

Oct. 24 - LIVE: Assessment of the Latin American Theology Congress
<https://youtube.com/live/TJvnOlwAw74?feature=share>

Oct. 28 - Theology born of the people: conclusions of the Fourth Congress of Theology in Lima
https://youtu.be/l5y26_WkqiY

Oct. 28 - Faces and voices: We speak with Brother Joao Guteberg, who accompanies the cry of the Amazon
<https://youtu.be/iUt-OcnsgJA>

Oct. 30 - Virtual meeting: From creed to communion: a year of gratitude
<https://youtube.com/live/i2kr2bugVqc?feature=share>

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 - Reflections for the Journey: Solemnity of All Saints
https://youtu.be/vNly6_q7y5Y

Nov. 2 - Reflections for the Journey: Commemoration of All Souls
<https://youtu.be/Qdn8opDqUpA>

Nov. 3 - Opening Webinar: 70 Years of Caritas Latin America and the Caribbean
<https://youtube.com/live/iueuikMlnog?feature=share>

Nov. 3 - Presentation of the Exhortation Dilexi te, from the perspective of care for migrants
<https://youtube.com/live/p9VTvoILti8?feature=share>

Nov. 4 - ADN Celam SPECIAL COVERAGE: Luján hosts the 16th edition of the Afro-American Pastoral Meeting
https://youtu.be/g__soU1lfTI

Nov. 4 - Faces and Voices: "Connecting realities to accompany processes," Emilce Cuda
<https://youtu.be/D6lb4737xKs>

Nov. 4 - Opening Eucharist of the 16th Afro-American and Caribbean Pastoral Meeting

<https://youtube.com/live/Feo5Tp9flPA?feature=share>

Nov. 4 - Opening of the 16th Meeting of the Afro-American and Caribbean Pastoral

<https://youtube.com/live/0-YCOILO5PA?feature=share>

Nov. 4 - Second Block of Presentations

https://youtube.com/live/lQhMv_s5QxM?feature=share

Nov. 5 - Day 3: 16th Afro-American and Caribbean Pastoral Meeting

<https://youtube.com/live/VvOFOTQdUBw?feature=share>

Nov. 5 - Fourth Day of the Afro-American and Caribbean Pastoral Meeting EPA 16

<https://youtube.com/live/Swy6LOBAi5M?feature=share>

Nov. 6 - Latin American Polyhedron: Together, a path full of hope and expectations

<https://youtu.be/eJETrtObjXc>

Nov. 6 - Fifth Day of the Afro-American and Caribbean Pastoral Meeting

<https://youtube.com/live/kd4CxeKHvHw?feature=share>

Nov. 6 - "Land and Housing in the Dominican Republic - The Pilgrims of El Seibo"

<https://youtube.com/live/Zjz2MSNbtHk?feature=share>

Nov. 7 - Sixth Day of the 16th Afro-American and Caribbean Pastoral Meeting

<https://youtube.com/live/kpfUdUlphTc?feature=share>

Nov. 7 - Closing Mass of the 16th Meeting of the Afro-American and Caribbean Pastoral

<https://youtube.com/live/aOjP-Rzlj08?feature=share>

Nov. 10 - Meeting of the Afro-American Pastoral Ministry that marked the history of the Church in Argentina

<https://youtu.be/4RAMl902-wA>

Nov. 11 - SPECIAL COVERAGE: We are at COP 30 from Belém do Pará in Brazil

<https://youtu.be/XoVvQOXzcZY>

Nov. 11 - Faces and Voices: What are the main challenges of the Church in French Guiana?

<https://youtu.be/3T8u2Cjxews>

Nov. 12 - Documentary series: The most excluded among the excluded

<https://youtu.be/jv62KgP3JgQ>

Nov. 12 - Church Symposium at COP30

<https://youtube.com/live/0XDjFBkIpk?feature=share>

Nov. 12 - International Symposium - Catholic Church at COP 30 (2nd round)

https://youtube.com/live/IFdmlHu_-kI?feature=share

Nov. 12 - Eucharistic Celebration - Catholic Church at COP 30 - Basilica Sanctuary of Nazaré

<https://youtube.com/live/eXNOcU5IUDo?feature=share>

Nov. 13 - Discarded, invisible, and silenced populations: The most excluded among the excluded -11/13

<https://youtube.com/live/SrsEzpqqxv5w?feature=share>

Nov. 14 - #documentaryseries La Trocha - The House of Peace.
Our voices and experiences of reintegration
<https://youtu.be/vPxdXwOQDCU>

Nov. 14 - The prophetic voice of the Global South for the Care of Our Common Home from COP30
https://youtu.be/-_kQ_O0YjI

Nov. 14 - COP30: Socio-environmental dialogue for peace: adaptation and just transition
<https://youtu.be/VxxRpqM6TpU>

Nov. 14 - Discarded, invisible, and silenced populations: The most excluded among the excluded -11/14
<https://youtube.com/live/kY-AlHGExj0?feature=share>

Nov. 14 - Discarded, invisible, and silenced populations: The most excluded among the excluded -11/14 (Second session)
<https://youtube.com/live/ocGZ7LFM6lc?feature=share>

Nov. 16 - Reflections for the Journey: IX World Day of the Poor
<https://youtu.be/wIOo-FrlAfO>

Nov. 18 - Faces and Voices: A lay person of the Francis generation
<https://youtu.be/MMrWt6NSXdo>

Nov. 19 - Latin American bishops demand concrete actions for our common home at #cop30
<https://youtu.be/lmWjAxcUfFE>

Nov. 19 - Latin American Polyhedron: Together is born from CELAM and articulates the Latin American Church
<https://youtu.be/c8zPoEzKYnw>

Nov. 19 - Second International Day of Prayer of the Latin American Network for the Culture of Care
<https://youtube.com/live/lcMOZHEd2LQ?feature=share>

Nov. 20 - #documentaryseries Opening the Way to Hope
<https://youtu.be/1T8irv6VXSw>

Nov. 21 - Reflections for the Journey: Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<https://youtu.be/Q6EV3LxGKPU>

Nov. 21 - 3rd Colloquium for the Creation and Strengthening of Observatories
<https://youtube.com/live/u3NBZxrjrek?feature=share>

Nov. 23 - Reflections for the Journey: Solemnity of Christ the King and Diocesan Youth Day
<https://youtu.be/qJpesWIxPjo>

Nov. 24 - 33 years after Santo Domingo: The Fourth Conference and its Impact on the Evangelization of the Continent
<https://youtu.be/s-7VmBG2HSc>

Nov. 24 - Social Reflections to Prepare for Advent: Day 1: The Reality That Challenges Us
https://youtube.com/live/p6u_ShkriUM?feature=share

Nov. 25 - Faces and Voices: It is important to accompany the struggle of Afro-descendant peoples in Central America
<https://youtu.be/lwN9FBOFuFI>

Nov. 25 - We proclaim hope, presentation of the book "Women in Synodality"
<https://youtube.com/live/-Xn82kHGR8U?feature=share>

Nov. 25 - Reflections for Advent: Day 2: From Evangelii nuntiandi to Evangelii gaudium and Predicate Evangelium
<https://youtube.com/live/gwDucrUoreO?feature=share>

Nov. 26 - Social reflections for Advent: Day 3: From Gaudium et Spes to Fratelli tutti
https://youtube.com/live/3k_lrI5zCNs?feature=share

Nov. 27 - Monsignor Heriberto Bodeant ACCEPTS the #Reto-KaraokeJubileo2025
<https://youtu.be/8QGYryGcyYU>

Nov. 27 - #documentaryseries Sueños Migrando
<https://youtu.be/LbpqN4jXLAE>

Nov. 27 - Social reflections to prepare for Advent: Day 4: The path of synodality
<https://youtube.com/live/UBgcdFblQOE?feature=share>

Nov. 28 - Social reflections to prepare for Advent: Day 5: Clues for walking together
<https://youtube.com/live/8P3r-jR87?feature=share>

DECEMBER

Dec. 1 - Advent is NOT what you think it is. In Reflections for the Journey, we present four key points.
<https://youtu.be/LzlJQlBiuAI>

Dec. 2 - Life hangs by a thread: They took them alive, we want them back alive
<https://youtube.com/live/nls4BYwjVqk?feature=share>

Dec. 3 - Mary, Mother of the People: An open dialogue on Mater Populi Fidelis

<https://youtube.com/live/TTkkNc-SO1O?feature=share>

Dec. 6 - RECLAC in Bogotá: Church communicators define the roadmap for 2026

https://youtu.be/fO_7jPi8Tqg

Dec. 7 - Reflections for the Journey: Second Sunday of Advent

<https://youtu.be/yO9ZFjAuFnE>

Dec. 8 - Reflections for the Journey: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

<https://youtu.be/wBDPsCEa5HM>

Dec. 9 - Forming Preachers for a Church that Goes Forth

<https://youtu.be/UUrprEt2824>

Dec. 9 - Situation of human rights defenders in Latin America and the Caribbean

<https://youtube.com/live/MOwaB4qhyac?feature=share>

Dec. 10 - Real stories of women leaders

<https://youtube.com/live/gQt7vQ4Qsmc?feature=share>

Dec. 17 - Podcast Life as it comes from the Latin American Pastoral Care of Addictions

<https://youtu.be/dRrlhJzjT-8>

Dec. 17 - The Christmas spirit and the reality of young people

<https://youtube.com/live/dTYQySbr--4?feature=share>

Dec. 19 - Christmas came to Poliedro Latinoamericano with a gift for the soul!

https://youtu.be/9_I8tRbIPDo

Dec. 19 - Christmas 2025: A call to hope from the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council
<https://youtu.be/2NOJefbCKlc>

Dec. 21 - Reflections for the Journey: Fourth Sunday of Advent
https://youtu.be/K3Kr_Ohqdes

Dec. 23 - 5th edition of the Christmas concert "Jesus Enters Your Home"
<https://youtube.com/live/Fzbl4tZsAuQ?feature=share>

Dec. 31 - Happy 2026, a Year to Continue Building Hope and Fraternity
<https://youtu.be/0EgyE85dAQU>

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