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Acronym

Ceama: Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon.

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

CGC: Celam Knowledge Management Center.

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

Celam: Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council.

CPC: Center for Communication of Celam.

Ceprap: Center for Pastoral Action Programs and Networks of Celam.

ECOSOC: Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Fospa: Pan-Amazonian Social Photo

INSPyRE: Latin American Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

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

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

PAGAICEYNA: Pastoral Garífuna Inculturated Central America and the Caribbean

PCAL: Pontifical Commission for Latin America

PCN: Child Centrality Program.

PEG: Global Education Pact

OVLAC NETWORK: Latin American and Caribbean Network of Consecrated Virgins.

Regchag: Ecclesial Network Gran Chaco Guarani Aquifer.

Remam: Ecclesial and Ecological Network of Mesoamerica.

Repam: Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network.

Reteis: Territorial Ecclesial Networks

Unicapac: International Union of Christian Business Leaders

News

Celam and the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Consecrated Virgins join forces through an agreement.



During the 4th Virtual Meeting of Consecrated Virgins, which took place from May 31 to June 2, the agreement signed between Celam and the coordinating team of the Ordo Virginum, Latin American and Caribbean Network of Consecrated Virgins (OVLAC NETWORK) was announced.

This agreement establishes inter-institutional relations to promote, encourage, and strengthen the vocation to consecrated virginity in Latin America and the Caribbean, based on a virginal and spousal spirituality, as members of the people of God, in an outgoing synodal Church.

It was established to support the development of practices that consolidate the work of the steering team of the NETWORK: OVLAC to promote the fulfillment of its objectives; and to provide support to the Bishops for formation, communion, and co-responsibility among the consecrated virgins, and to collaborate in instances that encourage the continent to assume a synodal ecclesial style to proclaim Christ and bear witness to his Kingdom, especially in the peripheries.

On the first day of the meeting, speaking at the presentation, the Celam president, Msgr. Jaime Spengler, commented that the Ordo Virginum is one of the oldest vocations and that the Church has recently rediscovered this vocation.

Then he concluded by reflecting that “in the Eucharist we receive the body of Christ, but Christ also receives our body. Jesus takes on the flesh of those who take on his, our humanity is transformed into the humanity of Christ. Only free hearts can understand this fundamental principle of our faith: we offer our bodies because Christ gives us his”.

Finally, he reminded the participants: “You wear the ring as a sign of an exceptional vocation, thank you very much and I wish we can work ever more closely with the particular churches and episcopal conferences. We can help each other.

The network created has an operational structure aiming to have a more efficient organization, made up of a leadership team and representatives from each region.

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More information:

<https://adn.celam.org/nace-la-red-latinoamericana-y-caribena-de-virgenes-consagradas-en-alianza-con-el-celam/>

Msgr. Spengler encouraged to build paths of solidarity among the churches of the continent.



“Building paths to foster greater solidarity among the churches of the continent” is a common task for the Pontifical Commission for Latin America and the Council of Latin American and Caribbean Bishops, said Bishop Jaime Spengler, addressing the members of the Assembly of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, which met on June 27.

In the words of the Brazilian Msgr., this mission “involves aspects related to ecclesiology and, we can also say, to synodality”.

The intervention from the Celam presidency was marked by the spirit of numeral 111 of the apostolic constitution “*Praedicate Evangelium*”

whose content defines the mission and objectives of the organism that was instituted in the Dicastery of the Bishops, for the “study of questions that refer to the life and development of their particular Churches; thus being at the disposal of the dicasteries concerned because of their competence and to advise and assist them with economic resources”.

Furthermore, Bishop Spengler considered that “the Pontifical Commission for Latin America can and must create more spaces and times for dialogue with the promotion instances, that is, be a bridge. At the same time, it must cultivate transparency and efficiency in what we propose.

More information:

<https://adn.celam.org/mons-jaime-spengler-a-la-cal-necesitamos-estar-unidos-y-ser-proximos-a-los-organismos-de-la-sociedad-civil/>

The Celam General Secretary participated in the bishops’ assembly in Honduras.



Monsignor Lizardo Estrada, auxiliary bishop of Cusco (Peru) and the general secretary of Celam, was present at the ordinary plenary assembly of the Honduran Episcopal Conference, held June 3-6 in Tegucigalpa, as part of the support and services provided by this entity to the 22 Episcopal Conferences.

Bishop Estrada presented the progress made by Celam in its service to the Church of the continent - especially its accompaniment of the Episcopal Conferences - as a collegial and communion-based organization.

He commented that a process of pastoral conversion has been generated that “is expressed in the need to reform ecclesial structures to move from a pastoral of conservation to a decidedly missionary pastoral, Latin America as the common home, the great homeland of the brothers”.

“Celam has become an organization of reference for other continents, due to its history and experience of episcopal and synodal collegiality,” he added.

In conclusion, quoting the words of Blessed Cardinal Pironio, who was secretary and president of CELAM, he said: “We give thanks to the Lord - in joy and hope - for what CELAM means to us: experience of episcopal collegiality, fruitful communion among the particular Churches, the leaven of God in the transformation of the continent, discovery of the physiognomy and vocation of our Latin American Church as the ‘Easter Church’”.

More information:

<https://adn.celam.org/secretario-general-del-celam-presente-en-la-asamblea-plenaria-de-obispos-hondurenos/>

P. Antunes, Cebitepal director has met with Pope Francis.



Fr. Fabio Antunes, director of the Celam Formation Center - Cebitepal, was with Pope Francis during the audience on June 3, where the delegations of CEAMA and REPAM met with their presidents, Cardinal Pedro Barreto and Bishop Rafael Cob. The purpose of the visit was to present the 'Cebitepal' to the Pope in order to strengthen the training in the Amazonian territory and go deep in the collaboration in educational initiatives in the region.

During his visit to Rome, Fr. Antunes visited several dicasteries and organisms of the Roman Curia.

At the Dicastery for Education and Culture, he met with Cardinal José Tolentino and presented the initiatives of Cebitepal. In addition, he met with Rodrigo Guerra Lopez, Secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. He also participated in meetings at the Dicastery for Bishops, the Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human Development and the Dicastery for Evangelization.

New coordinator of the Celam Observatory.



Dr. Jeannette Rincón Morales from Venezuela was chosen as the new coordinator of the Socio-Anthropological Pastoral Observatory of the Knowledge Management Center.

Among its main challenges will be to build a university observatory network, ecclesiastical and close to the Church, to seek ways of working together. The idea is to produce synergy between these initiatives, to enhance their scope. Without prejudices, it will

continue to develop research on social, economic, cultural, and ecclesiastical issues.

Rincón replaces Dr. Agustín Salvia, who also directs the Observatory of the Argentine Social Debt.

Bishop Estrada at the plenary session of the Executive Committee of the World Churches Council.

Monsignor Lizardo Estrada Herrera, auxiliary bishop of Cusco (Peru) and general secretary of Celam, met on June 8 with the World Council of Churches during the plenary session of the Executive Committee held in Bogota.

This is an ecumenical body made up of 352 churches from more than 120 countries, representing more than 580 million worldwide Christians.

Bishop Estrada thanked for the invitation and stood by the call of Pope Francis to be artisans of peace. He indicated that it is key to think about

issues such as fraternity, human rights, environment so that “working together, from different confessions of faith, we can build a better world”.



For the Secretary General of Celam, peace is a collective construction, in which “God inspires us in doing and thinking”, and demands a just order where “human dignity is respected, their legitimate aspirations are satisfied, their access to truth is recognized, their freedom is guaranteed and we can all become agents of our history”.

“I pray to God for all of you, to enlighten you to achieve the integral development of the whole person and all people, so that we can all move from less human conditions to more human conditions because development is the new name for peace,” he added.

More information:

<https://adn.celam.org/secretario-general-del-celam-participa-en-la-sesion-plenaria-del-comite-ejecutivo-del-consejo-mundial-de-iglesias/>

The liturgy commissions discussed the Year of Prayer.

On June 20, the Celam liturgy network brought together virtually the presidents and executive secretaries of commissions and departments of the liturgy of the Episcopal Conferences to reflect on the theme of liturgy in the Year of Prayer and to share the steps to follow to live together with the people of God this moment of grace called by Pope Francis.



It was an intense day of work where other topics such as the 60th anniversary of the Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium, challenges in formation, inculturation and liturgical pastoral care in the jurisdictions, and proposals for action to walk together in the promotion of the liturgical life of the peoples were also taken up.

To illuminate the reflection on the liturgy in the Year of Prayer was invited the Chilean priest Osvaldo Fernandez de Castro, Doctor of Liturgy from the Faculty of Theology of Catalonia in Barcelona, who is currently Vice-Chancellor at the Catholic University of Chile and pastor in the

center of the city of Santiago. He is also a member of the National Commission of Liturgy in the Celam and the Archdiocesan Commission of Liturgy in Chile.

More information:

<https://adn.celam.org/pastoral-liturgica-de-episcopados-latinoamericanos-disciernen-sobre-el-ano-de-la-oracion/>

The Celam accompanied the IX Meeting of Bishops of the Triple Border of Peru, Chile and Bolivia.



From June 18 to 21, the IX Meeting of Bishops of the Triple Border took place in the Peruvian city of Tacna, with the participation of bishops from the three countries and dozens of pastoral agents: lay men and women, religious men and women, priests.

Bishop Lizardo Estrada, Secretary General of Celam, accompanied the development of the activities during the four days. In an interview, he expressed that “in this Triple Border Encounter we have to encourage, accompany and respond to the needs with the four verbs of Pope Francis and with the Clamor Network. The migrant is the suffering Christ, we have to recognize God in them and respond with all our system of charity to the brothers and sisters who enter and leave our countries.

In doing so we are responding to our identity as missionary disciples of Christ”.

At the end of the meeting, the “Declaration of the border bishops of Peru, Bolivia and Chile “And who is my neighbor?” (Lk 10:29)” was released, in which they state: “We reaffirm, therefore, our support for the commitment assumed 20 years ago and the effort that continues to be undertaken by the pastoral agents, as ‘good Samaritans’, in their work in the complex field of human mobility. We thank God for the dedication of collaborators and volunteers who act in so many initiatives for the good of migrants and refugees. As Cardinal Michael Czerny, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human Development, recognizes, our horizon is to generate the culture of encounter in ‘the houses of welcome and centers of care on the three borders’, and ‘it is extremely important to involve the whole Church in a process of awareness of forced migration, getting into the skin of the migrant and refugee”.

More information:

<https://adn.celam.org/finalizo-en-tacna-el-ix-encuentro-de-obispos-de-triple-frontera-esperanza-a-los-migrantes-y-aliento-a-quienes-descubren-en-ellos-el-rostro-sufriente-de-cristo/>

The course “Media Training and Communication Strategies in Crisis Situations” was held in Brazil.

From June 10 to 14, the city of Brasilia (DF), Brazil, hosted the second edition of the course “Media Training and Communication Strategies in Crisis Situations”, organized by Cebitepal.

The event was attended by 25 bishops, priests, religious men and women, and communication advisors from the episcopal regions of Brazil. During these days, practices were carried out in TV and radio programs, as well as individual and collective interviews with the press. In addition, lectures were given on communication in crisis situations, the Vatican’s

policies against sexual abuse, and the importance of caring for and actively listening to victims.



The meeting was held with the support of the Archdiocese of Brasília, CNBB, TV Canção Nova, Catholic University of Brasília and Núcleo Lux Mundi of the Brazilian Conference of Religious.

The next edition of the course will be held in Buenos Aires, from September 30 to October 3, and will bring together representatives from the rest of the Southern Cone countries: Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay.

Website of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Culture of Care.

The Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Culture of Care, established in 2023, presented its website during a virtual discussion held on June 26.

The site presents the identity and objectives of the network along with a series of resources as an expression of communion of the organizations that make up the network: news, documents, contact details of the national teams, training and multimedia material. It can be accessed through the following link: <https://celam.org/cultura-del-cuidado/>

During the discussion “Sexual abuse in an ecclesial context. Analysis of the Chilean case”, basic qualitative and quantitative aspects of this scourge in the South American country were also discussed and detailed figures on cases of abuse were presented.



The speakers were María Josefina Martínez B. and Constanza Garrido M. and the moderator was Ana María Celis B. who indicated that this discussion “was planned based on the Chilean study about the relational dynamics of sexual abuse in ecclesial context; the purpose of this study is to analyze the styles and relational dynamics that originate and shape the sexual abuse committed by clerics and non-clerics. The study was conducted from 2019 to 2022, with an update of figures in 2023, and is the voice of survivors.”

To watch the conversation:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMe74HYPGAw&t=59s&ab_channel=CelamTV

More information:

<https://adn.celam.org/el-caso-chileno-el-abuso-espiritual-en-el-abuso-sexual-en-contexto-ecclesial-lo-permea-todo/>

Congress of Synodal Theology.



Congreso latinoamericano y caribeño Teología en clave sinodal para una Iglesia sinodal

Preparations are moving forward to welcome the participants of the Synodal Theological Congress to be held next August 9-11. There are already more than 150 registered participants, and all the speakers and panelists are confirmed. There are 36 authors of scientific communications, who will present at 12 tables with 3 participants at a time.

The congress participants will be accommodated in four houses located close to the Celam headquarters, in whose auditorium all the activities will take place, except those that consider simultaneous tables. For those who wish, they can follow the congress on CELAM's social networks.

Click here to access the Congress program:

<https://cngcelam.haif.app/#programa>

Visit of researchers to the Celam Library.

For decades, the CELAM Library has played a fundamental role in supporting and accompanying research, offering bibliographic, hemerographic and documentary resources. In this way, it allows knowledge to continue to be the key to advancing and expanding the frontiers of knowledge of those who visit it: laity, religious and consecrated people and the general public.

During the month of June, it received three researchers who spent long days obtaining valuable information for their work.



This is the case of Father Derlis García, who is pursuing his doctoral studies on the 1966 Latin-Spanish bilingual interim missal and its implications during the Second Vatican Council.

We also welcomed historian, researcher and academic Aníbal Pacheco Salazar, member of the Dr. José Luis Mora Research Institute, who focused his research on social and political aspects that took place in the 1960s and 1970s and the influence of the Medellín and Puebla documents in Latin America during those decades.

Dr. Rafael Jacobo de la Dehesa, an American political scientist, sociologist and writer from the University of New York, was also in the library and focused his research on bioethics, family, birth rate and demography from a political and socio-religious perspective.

On the other hand, consultations were received from Víctor Villa, from Santiago de Chile, on educational topics and from Luis Ángel Acosta, from the San Carlos and San Ambrosio Seminary in Havana, Cuba, on bishops from his country who have participated in the General Assemblies and Conferences of Celam.

Also on June 3 and 4, Dr. Terence McGoldrick, STD and Friar Dr. David Thomas Orique, O.P., of Providence College in the United States, visited our headquarters to interview members of Celam who participated in the Synod Assembly last October as part of a research project on the Synodal process in Latin America and the Caribbean. Dr. McGoldrick has published authoritative research on the statements of Bishops' Conferences around the world on social justice, while Fr. Orique has published scholarly works on Christianity in Latin America.

Message of solidarity to the bishops and the Bolivian people.

In response to the events of June 26th, which altered the democratic order in Bolivia, the Celam presidency sent a message as a sign of closeness to the Church and the Bolivian people.

In its message, addressed to the president of the Bolivian Episcopal Conference, Monsignor Aurelio Pesoa Ribera, the Celam presidency supports the declaration of the bishops where they repudiate this act and call for peaceful coexistence and the search for solutions to conflicts through dialogue.

“We feel deeply united with the pilgrim Church in Bolivia and its pastors, encouraging them to continue to make present the message of fraternity and commitment that allows us to advance towards paths that seek the common good, which is the basis of democracy, for all Bolivians”, reads the letter.

In particular, they express their closeness to those people who suffer the most from the consequences of the social situation that the country is going through, advocating that this reality be resolved soon through institutional and democratic channels.

His message concludes by asking for the intercession of the Holy Spirit to enlighten the people and their representatives in making decisions that will finally lead to the path of peace and harmony.

Books on the thought of Blessed Cardinal Pironio are being prepared.

A team of Argentine pastoral agents, in conjunction with the Center for Knowledge Management, began work to produce books on the thought of Blessed Cardinal Eduardo Pironio, prophet of hope.

Continuing what was done on the occasion of his beatification last December, the group is made up of the priest Sebastián Vercellone, Fernanda Montes, Claudia Carbajal and Soledad Taglianetti, from Argentina, plus Julio César Monroy, Francisco Campos and Guillermo Sandoval, from Celam.

This same group has already built a repository of background information that will be used to prepare the documents, which are expected to be made public on the occasion of Celam's 70th anniversary next year.

Bishop Estrada: “Solidarity economy should not remain intellectual”.

Monsignor Lizardo Estrada, Secretary General of Celam, sent a message to the participants of the International Summer School on the Economics of Francis, held in Mexico since June 17.

The bishop emphasized that the Celam has been supporting the work in territorial and thematic networks as part of its renewal and restructuring, so that these ecclesial initiatives are well received by the Celam.

He recalled that the current development model “shows many wounds and causes too much pain”, an inequitable distribution of income, lack of solidarity with the most dispossessed, abuse in the exploitation of nature, among others.

These are situations that cry out to heaven, which is why in 2019 Pope Francis invited to seek “paths inspired by Francis and Clare. Looking first to the poorest. He offers us a task, not a recipe”.

He thanked the Mexican Institute of Christian Social Doctrine (Imdosoc) and the Ibero-American University of Mexico for this effort with a Latin American imprint to give a human face to the economy.

Finally, he asked that all these initiatives “do not remain intellectual but invite to action. Moreover, for that action to be beautiful in the eyes of the good God, it must be built by all of us together. We are called to walk together.”

“We continue to be challenged by the need to grow in a synodal culture.”

Father Pedro Brassesco, Deputy Secretary General of the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (Celam), during the Pastoral Theology Day held on June 28 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the inclusion of pastoral theology in the theological curriculum, said in his welcome greeting that “we are called to continue deepening the path that the whole Church is following within the framework of the Synod on Synodality”.

The priest highlighted two key moments: the first Ecclesial Assembly of Latin America and the Caribbean (2021) and the current synodal journey that began in 2021. “Beyond issues that raise questions or doubts, the richness of this journey that continues to challenge us on the need to grow in a synodal culture has been valued,” he said.

A path that is “capable of transforming our styles of relationships and opening spaces that allow all the People of God to live the variety of charisms and vocations from a sense of co-responsibility”.

The priest reiterated Celam’s commitment to continue advancing in “synodal conversion”, which “fills us with enthusiasm and hope because we are convinced that, as Pope Francis has said, synodality is the path that God expects from the Church of the third millennium”.

He mentioned that milestones such as the Synod of the Amazon, the renewal and restructuring of Celam, the first Ecclesial Assembly of La-

tin America and the Caribbean, the diocesan and continental stages of the Synod, among other experiences, have shaped “the face of a Latin American and Caribbean Church capable of discerning the signs of the times and widening the tent to offer the love of Christ capable of transforming lives and social structures towards a Full Life”.



More information:

<https://adn.celam.org/secretario-general-adjunto-a-teologos-del-mundo-nos-sigue-interpelando-la-necesidad-de-crecer-en-una-cultura-sinodal/>

Celam's journey in June

Progress in the Laudate Deum project. On June 4, a meeting was held between Ceparap, CEILAC and the Bishops' Conferences of Bolivia, Colombia and Brazil to coordinate the Laudate Deum process, which includes three events in these countries: the Pan-Amazon Social Forum, COP 16, COP 29 and 30, respectively.

Two objectives have been considered. The first is to look inward as a Church, to define a process of ecological conversion and how, from the communities, we can reinforce local actions. The second is that these spaces allow us to identify agendas and positions with international projection.

Pastoral Garífuna defines communication strategies. In a virtual meeting held on June 4 with the Center for Communication, the Garífuna Pastoral defined communication strategies. In the short term, the aim is to make visible the most important aspects raised in the documents sent to the Synod, disseminating the being, work and legacy of this Pastoral.

Webinars-Pre-FOSPA. In order to improve the capacity of articulation and achieve a greater impact of the Church's presence in international spaces, three webinars were held in June. The themes of the webinars were: "The Church in the international socio-environmental debate", "Analysis of the socio-environmental situation in Latin America and the Caribbean" and "The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor".

The Economies Platform is moving forward. At the meeting held on June 4, it was agreed to continue with the construction of the descriptive paragraphs of the pending dimensions of the constituent document and other activities suggested by the assembly to advance in

the assembly of the platform. They also addressed issues related to the availability of human resources.

Coordination of the Clamor Assembly and Migrared Cartagena +40. The team preparing these two events is composed of Cepar, Claror, CI, and Clamor Colombia. They met on June 5 to prepare organizational aspects related to communication, invitations, registration and the possibility of drafting a joint statement at the end of the events.

Meeting of the Platform for Women in Church and Society. In the meeting of June 5, it was defined as an objective to achieve a path for a communication strategy of the Platform. For this it is important to strengthen the link and the joint and synodal work of Clar, Selacc and Celam and to jointly define agreements and work horizons around the internal and external communication strategy of the Animating Commission of the Axis Women in the Church and Society (CAEMIS).

Preparations are underway for the Encounter of Afro-descendant Catholic Women of the Americas. In virtual meetings held on June 5 and 19, progress was made in the preparation of this first meeting. They were spaces for listening and dialogue to socialize and contribute collectively, in order to realize the initiative that will take place from July 16 to 18, 2024, with the aim of creating a network to strengthen the leadership of Catholic Afro-descendant women from their feminine worldview, ancestry, identities and African spiritualities.

Meeting of the Dynamizing Commission and Sub-Commissions of the Human Rights/Peace/Democracy Platform. During the meeting held on June 5, the process of implementing the lines of action and the need to coordinate with CEILAC was discussed. The importance of a repository of good practices, seeking the application of the Escazú Agreement, mapping institutions, proposing reflections on the situation of democracies, holding talks, political advocacy, training processes and promoting the non-violence approach were analyzed.

Journalistic coverage of the International Eucharistic Congress. On June 6, members of the Center for Communication held a virtual

meeting with the communication team of the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress, to define collaborative actions in synodal perspective with a view to the coverage of the Congress in Quito (Ecuador).

Assembly of the Latin American Commission for Integral Ecology (CEILAC). Held virtually on June 7, an induction was given on the Laudate Deum Route with the commitment to support the activities organized in solidarity. SICSAL was presented and incorporated into the Commission. There was also a discussion on the situation of climate change, positions and perspectives in relation to the COPs and the possibility of preparing a document.

The Commission of Women of Indigenous Peoples is born. It arose within the framework of the work of the coordinating commission of the pastoral of native peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean, in a meeting on June 10, began the listening and dialogue to trace the route to achieve an Encounter of native women. The aim is to share their being and feeling, listen, dialogue about the cultural richness, spirituality, contribution and legacy they have given to the church. A base group was formed to promote and carry out the initiative planned for next October.

Meeting of the Animating Commission for Women in the Church and Society. At the June 10 meeting, the Strategic Plan 2024-2027 approved by the Enlarged Commission was followed up and progress was reviewed. Among others, the contributions to Synod 2024, socializing and deepening the reflection in the last talk of the formation cycle, mapping of Disruptive Women, No Callarás campaign, launching of the LACAM Network, synergies, alliances and articulation.

Participation in FOSPA. From June 12 to 14, members of Ceparap participated in the Pan-Amazonian Social Forum in Bolivia, **in the** extractive and alternatives axis and the table on energy transition. The linkage with other ecclesial organizations was also consolidated, defining individual, social and economic challenges involved in the transformation of the technocratic paradigm. Lines of action were agreed upon to promote

individual transformation and ecological conversion and elements were obtained to continue strengthening a joint agenda for participation and advocacy within the framework of the Laudate Deum Route.



More information:

<https://adn.celam.org/el-mandato-del-xi-fospa-nuestra-lucha-por-el-futuro-se-hace-ahora/>

Preparation for the meeting of those responsible for communication. On June 12, a virtual meeting was held with the network of those responsible for communications of the Episcopal Conferences of Latin America and the Caribbean, in preparation for the face-to-face meeting that will take place in Bogota, at the headquarters of CELAM, from July 29 to 31.

Meeting of indigenous, Afro-descendant and Garifuna peoples of Remam. In the virtual meeting of June 13, the work plan approved by the virtual assembly of the network was reviewed and it was agreed that this commission would be a space for coordinating the path at the country and regional level, to find common points, share knowledge and advocacy strategies. A face-to-face meeting will be held in Guatemala in July to organize the work path.

Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of Repam. Present in 8 countries, it continues to weave networks with a prophetic dimension. On

June 13, a dialogue table was held with different ethnic groups and experiences of struggle. Leaders gave testimony of the path and expressed that the trainings have generated confidence for women to be able to lead processes. The goal is to continue strengthening the knowledge of human rights, to conquer spaces for advocacy and to work in unity. The Missionaries for the Defense of Human Rights team was created, which is a network for the safeguarding of life and territories.

Meeting with the Women's Area Team of the Argentine Episcopal Conference. The virtual meeting held on June 13 was a space for listening and dialogue on the being and work of the Animating Commission of the Women's Axis and the work developed since 2017 by the women's area of the Argentine Episcopal Conference. This team identifies with issues that unite wills: campaign for Non-violence against women, promotion of denunciations, prevention of human trafficking, advocacy within the church and spaces for the exchange of experiences.

Progress in the "Laudate Deum Route" process. In the meeting of June 13, in which the representative of the Dicastery for the Service of Human and Integral Development participated, the advances for the presence of the voice of the Church in the COP 16 to be held in Colombia and in the COP 30 in Brazil were shared. Key aspects that were pointed out were: it is an opportunity for convergence and articulation; it can favor the permanent conversion of the Church from the current economic system; the desire for the Church to become a key voice of political incidence.

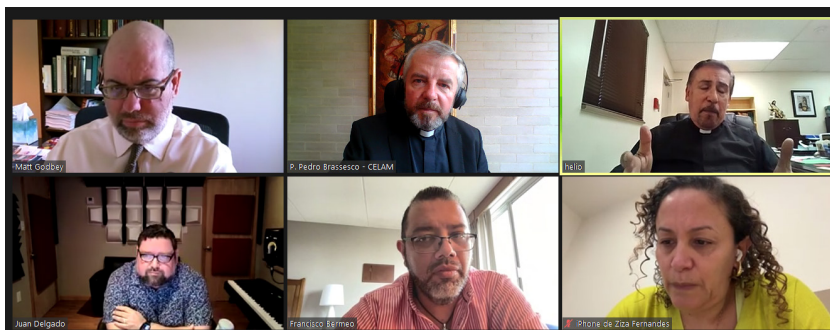
Meeting of the Celam presidency. On June 14, the Celam presidency held a virtual meeting where various topics were discussed, including development projects in the Celam buildings at the former headquarters in Usaquen and the prospects for the operation of the Populorum Progressio Fund.

Course on Digital Evangelization. From June 16-22, the director of the Center for Communication collaborated in the course on "digital evangelization" of the National Hispanic Ministry Leadership Program at the Faith and Life Institute of Lewis University (USA).

More information:

<https://adn.celam.org/mons-lucio-ruiz-al-instituto-fe-y-vida-el-valor-de-su-mision-ha-sido-el-servicio-a-la-formacion-de-lideres-catolicos/>

Meeting with the Liturgy Commission of the United States Conference of Bishops. On June 18, Fr. Pedro Brassesco, assistant secretary, together with the organizers of the Course for Musicians, held a virtual meeting with members of the Liturgy Commission of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to analyze the possibility of holding this training course in that country.



The Economies Platform is preparing a base document. At the meeting held on June 18, a planning schedule was defined for a base document to be integrated into the initial text as a commitment of the platform, systematizing what has been worked on and offering practical proposals for each subcommission to continue the articulation.

First meeting with young people from indigenous peoples. In the virtual meeting on June 18, the possibility of configuring a process with the youth of indigenous peoples to accompany and recognize their needs, struggles, dreams and strengthen their identities was taken up again. It was agreed to initiate in the Mesoamerican region virtual meetings of young people in each country for listening and training. The next step will be to plan meetings in the other regions and culminate with a continental meeting. It is proposed to involve in this initiative

the youth ministry, the executive secretary of Remam and the Episcopal Conferences of the region.

Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Culture of Care. On June 19th, the Network held a virtual meeting to finalize details of the discussion on “Sexual abuse in ecclesial context. Analysis of the Chilean case” and to advance on organizational issues in the area of formation.

Meeting of the Justice and Peace Network for the Patria Grande. Held on June 19th, the meeting with Justice and Peace Europe was planned with four themes: recent elections in the European Union, the Laudate Deum Route, testimonies on the war and a look at the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Progress was also made in the organization of the meeting of popular movements to be held on July 16.

III Meeting of Remam Women. Held virtually on June 20th, its objective was to continue the search for work strategies in synodal key and to provide theoretical and practical tools to strengthen the theme of sisterhood. The participants, representing 8 countries, highlighted as common problems: the increase in femicides, the feminization of poverty, corruption and violation of rights (especially in regimes of exception), the impact of climate change on living conditions (food crisis and water shortages) and the leadership of women in environmental struggles in defense of the Common Home.

Meeting of the Council of Economic Affairs of Celam. During the morning of June 21, the Council of Economic Affairs of Celam held a meeting to analyze the progress of the budget execution for the year 2024, the projects underway and in the process of approval, the construction of the access road to the Celam headquarters and the development programs of the premises of the former headquarters in Usaquen and Avenida Boyaca in Bogota.

Visit of the Theological-Pastoral Director of the Dicastery for Communication. On June 23rd, Professor Nataša Govekar, Theological-Pastoral Director of the Dicastery for Communication, visited the Celam headquarters, accompanied by members of the Communication Commission of the Clar. During the meeting, the work of the Celam and

the Clar in this area and the perspectives of the work of the Dicastery were shared.



Participation in the VI Seminar on Church Communications. On June 25 and 26, the director of the Center for Communication participated in the VI Seminar on Church Communications organized by the Episcopal Conference of Chile together with the Pontifical Catholic University of that country, through a presentation in the panel on Church Communications in Latin America and the Caribbean.

<https://adn.celam.org/tres-prioridades-para-los-comunicadores-catolicos-custodiar-la-verdad-narrar-la-esperanza-y-promover-la-cultura-del-encuentro/>

III Women’s Formation Cycle Talk. With the theme “Seek the Kingdom of God and His Justice”, it took place virtually on June 25th. From the approach of a Trinitarian anthropology and the gender perspective within the framework of evangelical justice, the theologian Andrea Sanchez Ruiz reflected on the understanding of the human mystery as an integrated totality, constitutively and in relationship, so that, recog-

nizing its dignity, it can be defended with commitment. To see the talk: https://www.youtube.com/live/82TayjwL3Sk?si=N2suxVSn3ueSfV_0

BIA dissemination strategies. On June 26, a virtual meeting was held with the editorial and marketing team of PPC Spain to define joint actions for the dissemination of the BIA in Latin America.



Meeting of theologians at the Celam. The Celam, through the General Secretariat, Cebitepal and Ceprap, was present at the meeting of theologians from Latin America and the world on “The renewal of the local churches with a synodal perspective”. Several members of the organization attended the meeting held June 24th-27th in Bogota, as well as the Pastoral Theology Day on June 28th, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the inclusion of Pastoral Theology in the theological curriculum.

Topics addressed included the international synodal process, the experience of the Synodal Assembly and the Assembly of Latin America and the Caribbean, the German synodal path, diocesan pastoral councils,

ministries, selection and appointment of bishops, diaconal ministry, synodality and the Code of Canon Law and the Amazonian rite.



More information:

<https://adn.celam.org/el-celam-convoca-a-teologos-de-america-latina-y-el-mundo-para-analizar-la-renovacion-de-las-iglesias-locales-con-perspectiva-sinodal/>

Meeting of the Coordinating Commission of Indigenous Peoples.

The virtual meeting held on June 26 identified the difficulties to advance in the Mesoamerica region, the link with the Episcopal Conferences, the articulation with the Indian theology work team, the conclusions and spirit of the Latacunga meeting, the promotion of the pastoral of native peoples, the organization of meetings by country to coordinate activities and define a common route. Three concentric rings of work were agreed: internal (CCEE and Indian theology team), ecclesial and social to link with civil movements.

II Pastoral Meeting of Women Cusco. It took place virtually on June 26 with the aim of knowing the work plan of the Pastoral Commission of Women of the Archbishopric of Cusco. They seek to make visible the inequality and the situation of injustice in which they find themselves, promote and accompany the formation of the pastoral of women, strengthen the full participation of women in the life and mission of the church, as well as contribute to the protection and defense of their rights and dignity.

Meeting with the commission of UNIAPAC Latin America. On June 27, a meeting was held with members of the executive board of the International Union of Christian Business Leaders (UNICAPAC) Latin America. They discussed the strengthening of the relationship between the national bodies and the episcopates and a project of regional round tables to carry out the commitments made at the Symposium held in Brasilia in 2023.

Diploma Course on Prison Pastoral Care. On June 28, the Prison Pastoral Course concluded, which brought together more than 400 pastoral agents and included an extensive list of professors from different Spanish-speaking regions of the Americas. The course sought to deepen the accompaniment and care of people in prisons throughout the continent. It also provided tools for pastoral agents to take the Good News of Jesus to the prison world through evangelization.

Ceilac Assembly. In the meeting held on June 28, a brief presentation was made on Ceilac's structure and the strategic framework for the organizations that joined recently. An evaluation of the semester was made and a concern arose that the articulation has to be done from practice. It would be good to think of short meetings for each organization to make itself known. It is necessary to look at concrete actions in well-defined times. The whole process of the Strategic Framework would be the Laudate Deum Route.

Preparatory meeting for COP 16. Held with the Episcopal Conference of Colombia on June 28, the meeting reaffirmed the need to work fully articulated, connecting efforts and witnessing that we are an ecclesial network. Progress was made in the eco-parishes project and the consolidation of integral ecology committees in the parishes and dioceses of Colombia. The need to coordinate at the international level with the Holy See and other organizations was recalled.

The Diploma Course “The Particular Church Evangelizes” has concluded. On June 29th, this training course, which began on May 3rd,

was completed in a hybrid way and included a two-week face-to-face session at the Celam headquarters.

Participants included a bishop, priests, religious and lay people from countries such as the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia, with responsibility for positions in ecclesiastical jurisdictions, such as pastoral vicars, members of diocesan teams and agents of evangelization.



“The aim was to provide tools for the development of pastoral plans in ecclesiastical jurisdictions, based on the prospective methodology,” explained Father Genaro de Jesús Moreno Piedrahíta, coordinator of this diploma course.

More information:

<https://adn.celam.org/estudiantes-de-la-diplomatura-la-iglesia-particular-evangeliza-avanzan-en-su-proceso-de-como-evangelizar-hoy/>

Messages

Let us not resign ourselves to drug trafficking! **Message on the occasion of the International Day** **Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**

June 26th marks the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. On this day we want to express our deepest concern, echoing the concerns expressed by the bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean about the reality we live in our countries.

In 2007 we said in the concluding document of the V Conference in Aparecida: *“The drug problem is like an oil stain that invades everything. It recognizes no borders, neither geographical nor human. It attacks rich and poor countries alike, children, young people, adults and the elderly, men and women. The Church cannot remain indifferent to this scourge that is destroying humanity, especially the new generations”* (Aparecida Document, 422).

Today we ratify our assessment of that time, and even point out that the situation has worsened.

Drug trafficking has demonstrated in many countries in the region its ability to infiltrate and corrupt the branches of government, the police, the armed forces, the media, businesses, in short, all the institutions of democracy. It has been able to find complicities in the financial systems, evading controls and audits, and even finding hiding places such as decentralized finance of cryptocurrencies.

In its wake, it has consecrated entire territories for its own production, organized its own armies, gangs and violent systems for the control of territories. Millions of young people have closed their lives in the consumption of substances, and entire families have been ruined.

Drug trafficking is the dissolution of States, the replacement of the rule of law by the establishment of another law, that of the strongest. It is a sign of the collapse of Western civilization; how can we not express our concern on this day?

We bring the words of Pope Francis in Santa Cruz de la Sierra: *And behind so much pain, so much death and destruction, one can smell the stench of what Basil of Caesarea - one of the first theologians of the Church - called "the dung of the devil", the unbridled ambition of money that governs. That is "the dung of the devil".* Thus, at the root of the drug problem is a culture that neglects life because it is built on the pursuit of profit.

Unfortunately, at the same time that the problem is growing, defeatist proposals that point out that it is useless to fight, that legalizing the production, consumption and distribution of drugs would solve the problem, are gaining voice. Beyond the fact that it may or may not be convenient to change the legal status of the drug business, we do not believe that this can transform the root of a deeper problem, which has to do with *the unbridled ambition for money that governs us*, as the Pope pointed out.

Let us not naturalize the situation, let us not allow our hearts to be filled with fear or our ability to recognize that the present and the future of society are at stake.

For this reason, we encourage the Church and the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean not to resign themselves, but to continue organizing to care for life. We are convinced that all human life is sacred, and that caring for life is the alternative to the rule of money. In every place where those who suffer are embraced, where conditions for integral human development are generated, where we walk at the pace of the slowest, where the table is enlarged so that all may eat, hope is being born.

From Celam, two years ago we decided to launch the Latin American Pastoral Ministry of Accompaniment and Prevention of Addictions, to

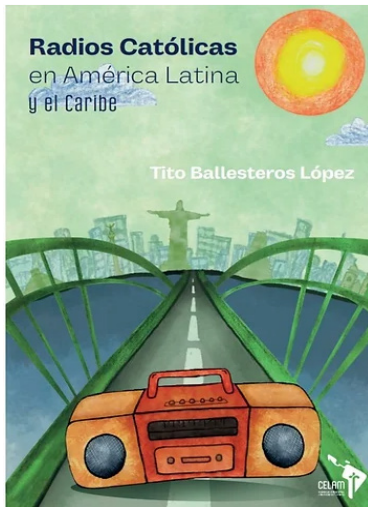
put ourselves once again at the service of life, and to bring together all the spaces in the region that are organized to care for it.

We raise to the Lord our prayers for the victims of drug trafficking and we ask our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of America, to bless the lives of our peoples and encourage us to find paths of peace that lead us to the fullness of Life.

*Presidency of the Latin American
Episcopal Council
June 26, 2024*

Publications

Catholic Radio in Latin America and the Caribbean



On June 6, the Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM) unveiled a new book belonging to its editorial collections. “Catholic Radios in Latin America and the Caribbean”, with a little less than 270 pages, was presented to the region and its author, professor and radio researcher Tito Ballesteros López, presented a work that gathers and analyzes the Catholic communicative practices that reflect the Church’s commitment to carry a message of salvation through the radio waves.

The Celam book, with a foreword by Monsignor Lucio Adrian Ruiz, secretary of the Dicastery for Communication, cites how the history of Catholic radio in the region is an epic of dedication and effort since, through short programs, renting or acquiring frequencies, the Church has found ingenious ways to open spaces in the radio spectrum. There is no corner of these countries where the voice of hope and salvation has not resounded, illuminating hearts and minds with its message. Each country mentioned - Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Argentina and the Dominican Republic - contributes its unique voice to this symphony of faith and communication.

The work is structured in three fundamental chapters, each one an essential piece in this puzzle of faith and communication.

Happy reading, and may this book be a source of inspiration and reflection for all those who believe in the transforming power of words and faith.

To purchase the book:

<https://www.celam.org/editorial/detalle.php?id=391>

See the video of the presentation:

<https://youtu.be/VpN7HUtyjGg>

Notes on Prayer



The Celam Publishing House is making available in print the eight volumes of the series “Notes on Prayer”, promoted by the Dicastery for Evangelization in the context of the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee 2025.

This is an eight-volume aid to deepen and rediscover the centrality of prayer in the various forms that the Spirit has inspired and continues to inspire.

The Celam edition assumes the translation made from the original Italian text by the Mexican Episcopal Conference and brings together the reflections of authors such as Cardinal Angelo Comastri, Gianfranco Ravasi, biblical scholar Juan Lopez Vergara, Father Paul Murray, op, Antonio Pitta, Catherine Aubin, Ugo Vanni and Carthusian monks.

In the introduction written by Pope Francis, the Holy Father says: “The Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 is already at the door. How else can we prepare for this event, so important for the life of the Church, than through prayer (...) Now is the time to prepare for the year 2024, which will be entirely dedicated to prayer. In our time, the need for a true spirituality, capable of responding to the great questions that arise every day in our lives, provoked also by a world scenario that is certainly not serene, is becoming more and more evident. The ecological-economic-social crisis aggravated by the recent pandemic; the wars, especially the one in Ukraine, which sow death, destruction and poverty; the culture of indifference and discarding, tends to suffocate the aspirations for peace and solidarity and to marginalize God from personal and social life... These phenomena contribute to generate an adverse climate, which prevents so many people from living with joy and serenity. For this reason, we need our prayer to rise more insistently to the Father, so that he may hear the voice of all those who turn to him with the confidence that they will be heard”.

“In short, a year to experience almost a “school of prayer”, without taking anything for granted or for granted, especially about our way of praying, but making our own every day the words of the disciples when they asked Jesus: “Lord, teach us to pray” (Lk 11:1)”, says the Holy Father.

The eight volumes cover the following topics: “Praying today, a challenge to overcome”, “Praying with the Psalms”, “The prayer of Jesus”, “Praying with saints and preachers”, “The parables of prayer”, “The Church

in prayer”, “Mary, where are you?”, “The prayer that Jesus taught us: The Lord’s Prayer”.

To purchase the book in Latin America and the Caribbean:

<https://www.celam.org/editorial/>

10 keys to Working on the Global Education Pact at School



On June 18th, the Inter-American Confederation of Catholic Education (CIEC) and the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council, through the Center for Communication, made available to educational pastoral agents and educators in general, the digital publication “Keys to Working on the Global Education Pact in schools”.

According to the Secretary General of the ICCS, Óscar Pérez Sayago, “this publication welcomes the Holy Father’s invitation to promote a new type of education that allows us to overcome the current globalization of indifference and the throwaway culture. It does so through

some keys to work and apply the Global Education Pact in the Catholic schools of America”.

For his part, the Director of the Celam Center for Communication, Óscar Elizalde Prada, says that “this work responds to the imperative of developing inspiring communicative proposals to put into practice the postulates of the Global Education Pact, with the conviction that educators and missionary-disciples of this continent are agents of change and authentic ‘poets of a new human beauty’, as suggested by Pope Francis, that is, artisans of hope and fraternity that make possible a new social, cultural, ecological and ecclesial order”.

The book, organized into ten chapters or “keys,” presents over 289 pages of a serie of graphic and infographic materials that can help in understanding the implications of the Global Education Pact in Catholic schools in America and, better yet, how to put it into practice.

[Download the book here.](#)

Episcopal appointments

- June 1st: The Holy Father appointed Bishop Pedro Alberto Bustamante López as bishop of the diocese of Huanuco (Peru), transferring him from the diocese of Sicuani.
- June 7th: Pope Francis has appointed Monsignor Adalberto Donadelli Júnior, of the clergy of the diocese of Joinville, until now rector of the São Francisco Xavier Seminary of Philosophy in Brusque-SC (Brazil), as bishop of the diocese of Rio do Sul (Brazil).
- June 7th: The Holy Father appointed Bishop Júlio César Souza de Jesus as bishop of the diocese of Floriano (Brazil), transferring him from the titular see of Arba and the auxiliary see of Fortaleza.
- June 8th :Pope Francis appointed Bishop Alfonso Gerardo Miranda Guardiola, until now titular bishop of Idicra and auxiliary of Monterrey, as bishop of the diocese of Piedras Negras (Mexico).
- June 8th: The Holy Father appointed Bishop Juan Carlos Arcq Guzmán, until now titular bishop of Milevi and auxiliary bishop of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Monterrey, as bishop of the Diocese of Tacámbaro (Mexico).
- June 10th: Pope Francis appointed Bishop Bruno Elizeu Versari as bishop of the diocese of Ponta Grossa (Brazil), transferring him from the see of Campo Mourão.
- Reinaldo Sorto Martínez, of the clergy of the Archdiocese of San Salvador, until now vicar general of the same archdiocese and pastor of the Immaculate Conception, in Santa Tecla, La Libertad (El Salvador).

- June 19th: Pope Francis appointed as auxiliary bishops of Buenos Aires (Argentina) the priests, from the clergy of the same archdiocese, Sergio Iván Dornelles, assigning him the titular see of Eguga, Pedro Bernardo Cannavó, assigning him the titular see of Idassa, and Alejandro Daniel Pardo, assigning him the titular see of Fissiana.
- June 19th: The Holy Father appointed Fr. Itacir Brassiani, M.S.F., provincial superior of the Province of Latin America with headquarters in Passo Fundo-RS, as bishop of the Diocese of Santa Cruz do Sul.
- June 21st: Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Luis Alfonso Tut Tun, of the clergy of the Archdiocese of Yucatán, until now pastor of Santa Inés in Akil, as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Antequera (Mexico), assigning him the titular see of Arba.
- June 22nd: Pope Francis appointed Bishop Jorge Pierozan as bishop of the diocese of Rio Grande (Brazil), transferring him from the titular see of Arena and the office of auxiliary of São Paulo.
- June 26th: The Holy Father appointed Bishop Francisco Carlos da Silva as the first bishop of the diocese of Jaú (Brazil), transferring him from the diocese of Lins.
- June 28th: Pope Francis appointed Archbishop Raul Biord Castillo, S.D.B., metropolitan archbishop of the Archdiocese of Caracas (Venezuela), transferring him from the Diocese of La Guaira.
- June 28th: The Holy Father appointed Msgr. Jesús González de Zárate Salas metropolitan archbishop of the archdiocese of Valencia in Venezuela, transferring him from the metropolitan archdiocese of Cumaná.
- June 28th: Pope Francis appointed Archbishop Polito Rodriguez Mendez metropolitan archbishop of the archdiocese of Barquisimeto (Venezuela), transferring him from the diocese of San Carlos de Venezuela.

- June 29th: The Holy Father appointed Bishop Germán Medina Acosta, until now titular bishop of Aradi and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Bogotá (Colombia), as Bishop of Engativá (Colombia).
- June 29th: Pope Francis appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Bogotá (Colombia) Father Edwin Raul Vanegas Cuervo, of the clergy of the same Archdiocese, until now Episcopal Vicar of San Jose, assigning him the titular See of Mazaca.

New dioceses

- June 26th: The Holy Father erected the Diocese of Jaú (Brazil), with territory dismembered from the Diocese of São Carlos, making it a suffragan of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Campinas.

Resignations

- June 8th: The Holy Father accepted the resignation of Bishop Alonso Gerardo Garza Treviño from the pastoral government of the Diocese of Piedras Negras (Mexico).
- June 10th: Pope Francis accepted the resignation from the pastoral government of the Diocese of Ponta Grossa (Brazil) presented by Bishop Sérgio Arthur Braschi.
- June 19th: The Holy Father accepted the resignation from the pastoral government of the Diocese of Santa Cruz do Sul (Brazil) presented by Bishop Aloísio Alberto Dilli, O.F.M.
- June 28th: The Holy Father Francis accepted the resignation from the pastoral government of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Caracas (Venezuela) presented by Cardinal Baltazar Enrique Porras Cardozo.
- June 29th: The Holy Father accepted the resignation from the pastoral government of the Diocese of Engativá (Colombia), presented by Bishop Francisco Antonio Nieto Súa.

Deaths

- June 14: Bishop Tomás Andrés Mauro (Maurus) Muldoon, O.F.M., Bishop Emeritus of Juticalpa, Honduras.
- Roberto Lückert León, bishop emeritus of Coro, Venezuela.
- Marcelo Raúl Martorell, bishop emeritus of Puerto Iguazú, Argentina.
- June 19: Msgr. José Ángel Rovai, Bishop Emeritus of Villa María, Argentina
- June 25: Bishop William de Jesús Ruiz Velásquez, bishop emeritus of Leticia, Colombia.

Invitations and announcements

Latin American and Caribbean meeting of communication managers.

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

These are some of the objectives of the meeting:

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

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

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

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

- Representatives of Universities and Institutes of Theology.
- Theologians from ecclesiastical organizations and theological societies at national and continental levels.
- Synodal Fathers and Mothers of the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- People interested in updating their knowledge of Latin American and Caribbean theological reflection in a synodal perspective.

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

More information:

<https://cngcelam.haif.app>

Meeting of participants in the second session of the Synod Assembly

The members of the Second Session of the Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops are invited to participate. It will be held at the Celam headquarters from August 12 to 14 to take up the contributions formulated by Latin America and the Caribbean in the light of the *Instrumentum Laboris* and in preparation for the Assembly.

Second Meeting of those responsible for the prevention of abuse of the Episcopal Conferences of Latin America and the Caribbean.”

It will be held at the Celam headquarters in Bogota from September 3 to 5, 2024. Two representatives of the prevention commissions of the Episcopal Conferences (the responsible bishop and a member of the

team) and members of commissions of other continental ecclesial organizations (CLAR, Caritas, etc.) are invited to participate.

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

Upcoming courses and diplomas

Parish: Community of Communities

This virtual diploma course, from July 1 to 26, aims to provide tools to transform the parish into a true community of communities, strengthening its structures so that it becomes an authentic community of missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

Registration with 20% discount:

<http://bit.ly/3VRmFls>

Coupon: Cebitepal20

Updating in Systematic Theology I

Cebitepal has open registrations for the course “Update in Systematic Theology I”, which seeks to carry out a synthetic study of the faith. This training, in virtual format, will promote a theological itinerary through the Holy Scriptures, from July 1 to 26.

Registration:

<http://bit.ly/3VBDVLa>

Canon Law at the Service of Love and Justice

The “Virtual Diploma in Canon Law in the Service of Love and Justice” will be held from July 1 to 26. The course will provide an introduction and overview of the Code of Canon Law, the Diocesan Curia and pastoral care from this perspective.

Registration with 20% discount:

<http://bit.ly/4ctcPvn>

Coupon: Cebitepal20

Resource Management for a Church in Action

The virtual course workshop “Resource Management for a Church in Action” offers training with effective strategies for bishops and those responsible for project areas, priests, religious men and women, as well as those in charge of the economy, management, administration and ecclesial projects, from July 1 to 5.

Registration:

<http://bit.ly/3VRd5hh>

Thought and Action in the Pontificate of Pope Francis and its Impact

Aimed at bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay people, the virtual diploma course “Thought and Action in the Pontificate of Pope Francis and its Impact” will be held from July 2 to 25.

Information:

<http://bit.ly/3KTXLeo>

Mary Magdalene and Women’s Leadership in the Church

The virtual course “Mary Magdalene. Re-reading Texts and Traditions in a Feminine Perspective” is now open for registration at Cebitepal. From July 4 to August 8 (every Thursday), this course of biblical spirituality is intended for those who wish to deepen the historical and theological reconstruction of Mary Magdalene, restoring the truth of her life with Jesus and in the early Christian communities.

Registration:

<http://bit.ly/3xn5nTS>

Church and Synodality

Topics such as synodality in Sacred Scripture and theology in the light of the Second Vatican Council will be some of the issues addressed in the Virtual Diploma Course Church and Synodality, from August 1 to 26.

Information:

bit.ly/3L5Q8Sp

Vocational Itinerary and Deepening of Vocations for Priests

In virtual modality, the course “Itinerary and Vocational Deepening for Priests” will be held from August 5 to 30. It is designed for priests and aims to work on priestly spirituality with an emphasis on the sacraments, preaching, devotions, and the identity of the priest: Trinitarian, Christological, pneumatological, and ecclesiological.

Registration:

<http://bit.ly/3VZu7uQ>

Agreements signed

Institution	Object
ORDO VIRGINUM: Latin American and Caribbean Network of Consecrated Virgins	Establish inter-institutional relations between the NETWORK: OVLAC and CELAM, to promote, encourage, and strengthen the vocation to consecrated virginity in Latin America and the Caribbean, from a virginal and spousal spirituality, as members of the people of God in an outgoing synodal Church.
Diocese of Palmira - Colombia	Strengthening of the Clamor Network in its role of articulation, accompaniment, and generation of advocacy spaces that promote the exercise of their rights for all persons in situations of migration, refuge, displacement and trafficking.
Universidad Distrital Francisco Jose de Caldas - Colombia	Establish terms of cooperation for the development of internships, academic practices, graduate work, and research work of students attached to the Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources of the Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas in areas that are of common interest to the parties.
Archdiocese of San Pedro de Sula - Honduras	Inter-institutional cooperation between the Catholic Church - Archdiocese of San Pedro de Sula, which represents the executive secretary of the Mesoamerican Ecological Ecclesial Network and the Latin American Episcopal Council, to promote awareness of integral ecology in the region, attend to the network's research priorities and cover administrative expenses.
Angulari S.A.S.	For the structuring of a real estate project in which Celam and Angulari SAS will participate in the structuring and promotion of the project.

To see and participate again

Celam, through the Center for Communication, makes available the recordings of the events and material produced during June:

- Special coverage of the Pan-Amazonian Social Forum (Fospa) held from June 10 to 15 in Rurrenabaque (Bolivia) <https://youtu.be/F7cl3hykh3k?si=REvUJ4t2FWd-sme8>
- Special coverage of the International Summer School - Economics of Francis, held June 16-23 in Mexico City, Mexico <https://youtu.be/Mn8ScxBTc4k?si=qCWB6-1seLBri-LN>
- Special coverage of the Meeting “The Renewal of the Local Churches with a Synodal Perspective”, held June 24-27 at the Celam headquarters in Bogota (Colombia) <https://youtu.be/VO-0v8SzYMH4?si=2SWae5SPinx2FgaX>
- Discussion: “Sexual abuse in ecclesiastical context. Analysis of the Chilean case”. <https://youtu.be/fMe74HYPGAw>
- Theological-pastoral day “Commemorating the 250th anniversary of the entry of Pastoral Theology into the theological curriculum”: https://youtu.be/3OaPeY_5I2A (morning day) and <https://youtu.be/DNDndi3ZnZ4> (afternoon day).

Celam DNA emissions:

- June 1st: Church networks in Latin America and the Caribbean continue to strengthen the path of unity <https://youtu.be/mlx-0ju75k0>
- June 12th: The Pan-Amazon Social Forum begins in Bolivia, what is it about? <https://youtu.be/dM2sAdB0qDE>
- June 13th: March to Rurrenabaque kicks off the XI Fospa Bolivia 2024 <https://youtu.be/MjB7v9UDphM>
- June 14th: Visits to indigenous communities within the framework of the Pan-Amazon Social Forum 2024 <https://youtu.be/9bryf0eULSg>
- June 15th: Indigenous peoples demand an Amazon free of mining in the final stretch of FOSPA 2024 <https://youtu.be/oGjNGT-CdVQ>
- June 16th: Indigenous peoples confirm that synodality is the way forward, at the closing of FOSPA 2024 <https://youtu.be/F7cl3hykh3k>
- June 17th: Francisco's International School of Economics kicks off in Mexico <https://youtu.be/5XApSZx7xG8>
- June 18th: What will we look like in 100 years? Approaches from Francisco's Economics Summer School <https://youtu.be/d2Sn-BUIZrM>
- June 19th: "Economics with a women's face", advances the International Summer School Economics of Francisco <https://youtu.be/YrBa0sJpS8U>
- June 20th: Another economy is possible, the miracle of amaranth seeds <https://youtu.be/kqxTHUo99x0>
- June 21st: A dream fulfilled? These are the challenges of the Francisco Summer School of Economics <https://youtu.be/YPbQ1JWX1IE>

- June 22nd: Francisco's Summer School of Economics Culminates: "Moving Forward with Courage and Hope" <https://youtu.be/Mn8ScxBTc4k>

Reflections for the road

- June 6th: Our Lord Jesus Christ, High and Eternal Priest https://youtu.be/D0cEBM-K_6c
- June 7th: The Sacred Heart of Jesus <https://youtu.be/E6PY1Am-PW2w>
- June 8th: Immaculate Heart of Mary <https://youtu.be/Wz0Pnr-QMecw>
- June 24th: Birth of St. John the Baptist <https://youtu.be/URsED-msZvtQ>

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