



## ***Everything You Need to Know About The October 4 Synod***

### **Part Four: What Questions Will Be Discussed at the Synod?**

#### **Three Areas of Questions.**

The entire second half (pp. 23-60) of the IL (*Instrumentum Laboris*), the working document which guides the Synod, is devoted to raising questions which were gleaned from the synodal sessions around the world.

**The questions are divided into the three areas which are the overall themes of the Synod: Communion, Mission, and Participation.**

The IL presents “Worksheets” which provide starting points for the dialogue by the participants in each of the three themes. The Worksheets provide literally hundreds of questions.



**Here are only a few of the questions from each of the three themes.**

#### **A Communion that Radiates:**

- How does the service of charity and commitment to justice and care for our common home nourish communion in a synodal Church?
- How can a synodal Church fulfill its mission through a renewed ecumenical commitment?
- How can we create spaces where those who feel hurt by the Church and unwelcomed by the community feel recognized, received, are free to ask questions and are not judged? What concrete steps are needed to welcome those who feel excluded from the Church because of their status or sexuality (for example, remarried divorcees, people in polygamous marriages, LGBTQ+ people, etc.)?



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### Co-Responsibility in Mission:

- How can preaching, catechesis and pastoral work promote a shared awareness of the meaning and content of mission? How can it convey that mission constitutes a real and concrete call for every Baptized person?
- How can we raise awareness that professional, social, and political commitment and voluntary work are areas in which mission is exercised?
- How can the Church of our time better fulfill its mission through greater recognition and promotion of the baptismal dignity of women?



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### Participation, Governance, Authority:

- What processes, structures, and institutions are needed in a synodal Church?
- How can authority and responsibility be understood and exercised such that it serves the participation of the whole People of God?

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