

THE INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP: A THINK TANK FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Institute of Global Church Leadership aims to address issues relevant to the life and ministry of each local church within its specific context, as well as to the universal church.

The second symposium will aim *inter alia* at:

- Assessing the initial steps of various research groups and determining the requirements and methods for effectiveness;
- Making the point about the preparation of the licentiate and cooperation with participants at the symposium;
- Making a 'mission statement' on an issue of interest to church leadership that will carry the Institute of Global Church Leadership label.

The objective is to turn the ideal of being a think tank for the Church on issues relevant to ecclesiastical leadership into a concrete reality.

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Programme

9.30 Short Welcome and Information

9.40 Word from the Dean of the Faculty of Catholic Theology

Prof. Dr. Klaus Unterburger

9.50 First Session: The Synodal Path of the Church in Africa

- **Introduction to Synodality**

Dr. Catalina Cerda-Planas

- **Structural organisation and instances of participation**

Prof. Dr. Angele Makiang

Prof. Dr. Jean Paul Betengne

- **Synodality and the future of religious life**

Dr. Resurrecta Maria Agu

Prof. Dr. Chibueze Udeani

10.50 Discussions

11.15 Coffee Break

11.45 Presentation of the consulting projects:

- **Annuario Statisticum Ecclesiae World Map (*Web application*)**

Claudia Schiavetti

Manuel Soffici

12.15 Second Session: Licentiate in Global Church Leadership

- State of the preparations
- Curriculum
- Scholarships/Partner Institutions
- Information
- Discussion

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Third Session: Research Groups

- Information and expectations
- Group discussions
- Plenary session

15.00 Coffee Break

15.30 Group Discussion on prevalent Challenges of the Church nowadays

- Liturgy
- Youth
- Women
- New middle class
- Priests - Profile and vocations
- Sexual abuse
- Authority
- Church Financing (Self-sustaining financing)
- Pentecostalism, evangelicalism, and traditionalism, and the dwindling cohesive power of Catholicism
- Boundary and Profile

16.30 Position Statement from the Group Discussion

17.30 Closing remarks

End