

Holy See Press Office Bulletin:

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## **XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops**

First Session (Paul VI Hall, 4-29 October 2023) - Calendar of work

### **4 October – Wednesday**

- h. 9.00 **Solemn inauguration**  
Concelebrated Holy Mass (St. Peter's Square)
- h. 11.00-12.30 **Training of participants** in the use of the new instrumentation
- h. 4.15-5.45pm **1st General Congregation**  
Greetings from the President Delegate  
Greeting of the Holy Father  
Report of the Secretary-General  
Report of the General Relator
- h. 6.15-7.30pm **Instrumentum laboris / A:**  
For a synodal Church. An integral experience  
Presentation by the General Relator

### **5 October – Thursday**

- h. 8.45 **Prayer**
- h. 9.00-12.30 **Circoli Minori / Small Groups (I session)**  
Conversation in the Spirit  
on Sec. A of the Instrumentum laboris
- h. 4.00-7.15pm **Circoli Minori / Small Groups (II session)**  
Conversation in the Spirit (continuation)

### **6 October – Friday**

- h. 8.45 **Prayer**
- h. 9.00-12.30 **2nd General Congregation**  
Presentations of the Small Groups (3 min. each group)  
Free interventions (open comments)
- h. 4.00-7.15pm **3rd General Congregation**  
Presentations of the Small Groups (3 min. each group)  
Free interventions (open comments)

### **7 October - Saturday**

- h. 8.45 **Prayer**
- h. 9.00-12.30 **Circoli Minori /Small Groups (III session)**  
Finalization of the Reports of the Working Groups (2 pages)
- h. 12.30 **Delivery of Reports** to the General Secretariat

**Afternoon Holiday**

### **8 October – Sunday Holiday**

**Week Two**

**9 October – Monday**

h. 8.45  
h. 10.00-12.30

**Holy Mass** (St. Peter's Basilica - Altar of the Chair)

**4th General Congregation**

Instrumentum laboris / B 1:

A communion that radiates.

“How to be more fully sign and instrument of union with God and unity of the human race?”

Presentation by the General Relator

Votes for the election of Members of the Commission for the Synthesis Report and the Commission for Information

h. 4.00-7.15pm

**Small Groups (IV session)**

Conversation in the Spirit

on Sec. B 1 of the Instrumentum laboris

**October 10 – Tuesday**

h. 8.45  
h. 9.00-12.30

**Prayer**

**Small Groups (V session)**

Conversation in the Spirit (continuation)

h. 4.00-7.15pm

**5th General Congregation**

Presentations of the Small Groups (3 min. each group)

Free interventions (open comments)

**11 October – Wednesday**

h. 8.45  
h. 9.00-12.30

**Prayer**

**6th General Congregation**

Presentations of the Small Groups (3 min. each group)

Free interventions (open comments)

h. 4.00-7.15pm

**7th General Congregation**

Presentations of the Small Groups (3 min. each group)

Free interventions (open comments)

**October 12 – Thursday**

h. 8.45  
h. 9.00-12.30

**Prayer**

**Small Groups (VI session)**

Finalization of the Reports of the Working Groups (2 pages)

h. 12.30

**Delivery of the Reports** of the Small Groups

to the General Secretariat

**Afternoon Pilgrimage**

**October 13 – Friday**

h. 8.45  
h. 10.00-12.30

**Holy Mass** (St. Peter's Basilica - Altar of the Chair)

**8th General Congregation**

Instrumentum laboris / B 2: Co-responsible in the mission.

“How to Share Gifts and Tasks in the Service of the Gospel?”

Presentation by the General Relator

h. 4.00-7.15pm **Small Groups (VII session)**  
Conversation in the Spirit  
on Sec. B 2 of the Instrumentum laboris

**14 October - Saturday**

h. 8.45 **Prayer**  
h. 9.00-12.30 **Small Groups (VIII session)**  
Conversation in the Spirit (continuation)

**Afternoon Holiday**

**15 October - Sunday Holiday**

**Week Three**

**16 October – Monday**

h. 8.45 **Prayer**  
h. 9.00-12.30 **9th General Congregation**  
Presentations of the Small Groups (3 min. each group)  
Free interventions (open comments)  
h. 4.00-7.15pm **10th General Congregation**  
Presentations of the Small Groups (3 min. each group)  
Free interventions (open comments)

**October 17 – Tuesday**

h. 8.45 **Prayer**  
h. 9.00-12.30 **11th General Congregation**  
Presentations of the Small Groups (3 min. each group)  
Free interventions (open comments)  
h. 4.00-7.15pm **Small Groups (IX session)**  
Finalization of the Reports of the Working Groups (2 pages)  
h. 7.15pm **Delivery of the Reports** of the Working Groups  
to the General Secretariat

**18 October – Wednesday**

h. 8.45 **Holy Mass** (St. Peter's Basilica - Altar of the Chair)  
h. 10.00-12.30 **12th General Congregation**  
Instrumentum laboris / B 3:  
Participation, responsibilities and authorities.  
"What processes, structures, and institutions in a synodal  
Missionary Church?  
Presentation by the General Relator  
h. 4.00-7.15pm **Small Groups (X session)**  
Conversation in the Spirit on Sec. B 3  
of the Instrumentum laboris

**October 19 – Thursday**

h. 8.45	<b>Prayer</b>
h. 9.00-12.30	<b>Small Groups (XI session)</b> Conversation in the Spirit (continuation)
h. 4.00-7.00pm	<b>13th General Congregation</b> Presentations of the Small Groups (3 min. each group) Free interventions (open comments)
h. 7.15	<b>Prayer for Migrants and Refugees</b> (St. Peter's Square)

**20 October – Friday**

h. 8.45	<b>Prayer</b>
h. 9.00-12.30	<b>14th General Congregation</b> Presentations of the Small Groups (3 min. each group) Free interventions (open comments)
h. 4.00-7.15pm	<b>15th General Congregation</b> Presentations of the Small Groups (3 min. each group) Free interventions (open comments)

**21 October - Saturday**

h. 8.45	<b>Prayer</b>
h. 9.00-12.30	<b>Small Groups (XII session)</b> Finalization of the Reports of the Working Groups (2 pages)
h. 12.30	<b>Delivery of the Reports</b> of the Small Groups to the General Secretariat

**Afternoon Holiday**

**22 October - Sunday Holiday**

Meeting of the Commission for the Synthesis Report

**Week Four**

**October 23 – Monday**

h. 8.45	<b>Holy Mass</b> (St. Peter's Basilica - Altar of the Chair)
h. 10.00-12.30	<b>16th General Congregation</b> Presentation and delivery of the outline of the Synthesis Report - part A Personal reading and prayer
h. 4.00-7.15pm	<b>17th General Congregation</b> Free interventions (open comments) on the outline of the Synthesis Report- part A

**October 24 – Tuesday**

h. 8.45	<b>Prayer</b>
h. 9.00-12.30	<b>Small Groups (XIII session)</b> <b>Processing of the material by the Small Groups</b> on the outline of the Synthesis Report - part A

h. 12.30 **Delivery of the responses of the Working Groups**  
to the Secretariat General  
**Afternoon Holiday**  
Meeting of the Commission for the Synthesis Report

**25 October – Wednesday**

h. 8.45 **Prayer**  
h. 9.00-12.30 **18th General Congregation**  
Presentation and delivery of the outline  
of the Synthesis Report - part B  
Personal reading and prayer  
h. 4.00-7.15pm **19th General Congregation**  
Free interventions (open comments)  
on the outline of the Synthesis Report - part B  
h. 7.30pm **Prayer of the Holy Rosary (Vatican Gardens)**

**October 26 – Thursday**

h. 8.45 **Prayer**  
h. 9.00-12.30 **Working Groups (XIV session)**  
**Processing of the material by the Small Groups**  
on the outline of the Synthesis Report - part B  
h. 12.30 **Delivery of the responses of the Working Groups**  
to the Secretariat General  
  
**Afternoon Holiday**

**27 October - Friday Holiday**

Meeting of the Commission for the Synthesis Report

**28 October - Saturday**

h. 8.45 **Prayer**  
h. 9.00-12.30 **20th General Congregation**  
Reading of the Synthesis Report in the Chamber  
h. 4.00-7.15pm **21st General Congregation**  
Approval  
Singing of the Te Deum (closing prayer)

**29 October - Sunday**

h. 10.00 **Solemn closing**  
Concelebrated Holy Mass (St. Peter's Basilica)

Vatican, 21 September 2023

By Mario Card. Grech, Secretary-general

This Calendar is not final; it may be changed according to the needs that may arise.