

APPENDIX

Synod on Synodality: Women Members of the Two Assemblies

The names below are listed under the category headings as issued by the Vatican. We have added a known sub-category in the case of expert-facilitators and expert-theologians. Overall, there were 363 voting members of the Synod on Synodality. What is not evident by extracting the names in this fashion is that the majority of women were, inevitably, given the structure of the Synod of Bishops, in the category of personal nominations by Pope Francis. It is also important to state that other women contributed to the following functions during the years 2021–24 of the Synod’s running: women appointed as consultants to the General Secretariat of the Synod (in a similar fashion to women appointed into such roles for other Dicasteries); women who took part in the meeting in Frascati in September 2022 to discern the local reports and help draft the *Document for the Continental Stage*; women who took part in the continental assemblies which occurred between the local listening stage and the Plenary Assemblies in Rome; women who acted as interns to assist the General Secretariat in its work; and women who formed the synod teams at the diocesan and national episcopal conference levels across the globe to assist in the synodal process.¹

PRESIDENT DELEGATES (2 OF 9)

Sister Maria De Los Dolores Palencia, CSJ, Mexico

Momoko Nishimura, SEMD, Japan

¹ The rosters for the two synodal Assemblies can be found on the Vatican website: XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, “List of Participants,” press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2023/07/07/230707a.html; and XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, “Second Session, List of Participants,” press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/09/16/240916g.html.

COMMISSION FOR INFORMATION (1 OF 2)

Secretary: Sheila Leocádia Pires, Communications Officer, Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC), Mozambique

THE UNION OF SUPERIORS GENERAL AND THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SUPERIORS GENERAL (5 OF 10)

Sister Nadia Coppa, ASC, president of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG) (2023 only); Sister Mary Teresa Barron, OLA, president of the "International Union of Superiors General" (UISG) (2024 only)

Sister Elizabeth Mary Davis, RSM

Sister Elysée Izerimana, Op. SDN, General Councilor of the Working Sisters of the Holy House of Nazareth

Sister Patricia Murray, IBVM, executive secretary of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG)

Sister Maria Nirmalini, AC, Superior General of the Sisters of the Apostolic Carmelite Order

MEMBERS OF PONTIFICAL APPOINTMENT (NOMINATED BY POPE FRANCIS: 6 OUT OF 50 IN 2023; 6 OUT OF 57 IN 2024)

Sister Simona Brambilla, MC, Superior General of the Consolata Missionaries, Italy

Cristina Inogés Sanz, Theologian, Spain

Sister Maria De Los Dolores Palencia Gomez, CSJ, Mexico

Sister Samuela Maria Rigon, SSM, Superior General of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows, Italy

Sister Xiskya Lucia Valladares, RP, Co-founder of Imisión, Director of the Communication Department of the Centro De Enseñanza Superior Alberta Giménez (CESAG), Comillas Pontifical University, Nicaragua

Sister María De Fátima Vieira Diniz, SSmoS, Superior General of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, Venezuela

**FROM THE CONTINENTAL ASSEMBLIES, WITNESSES OF THE
SYNODAL PROCESS (ALSO NOMINATED BY POPE FRANCIS: 42 OF 70
IN 2023; 41 OF 68 IN 2024)**

Africa

Sister Ester Maria Lucas, FC

Sister Josée Ngalula, RSA

Norha Kofognotera Nonterah

Sheila Leocádia Pires

Sister Marie Solange Randrianirin, FSP

Sister Solange Sahon Sia, NDC

North America

Cynthia Bailey Manns

Catherine Clifford

Chantal Desmarais

Julia Oseka

Sister Leticia Salazar, ODN

Linda Staudt

Latin America

Erika Sally Aldunate Loza

Sister Rosmery Castañeda Montoya, OP

María Cristina Dos Anjos Da Conceição

Sister Gloria Liliana Franco Echeverri, ODN

Sônia Gomes De Oliveira

Valeria Karina López

Asia

Vanessa Cheng Siu Wai

Rosalia Minus Cho Cho Tin

Momoko Nishimura, SEMD

Estela Padilla

Anna Teresa Peter Amandus

Sister Lalitha Thomas, SJT

Eastern Churches and Middle East

Sister Houda Fadoul

Sister Caroline Jarjis, FSCG

Rita Kouroumilian

Caroline Rafaat Awd Narouz (only 2023); Sister Mary Margret Fekry Abaskhairon, SESC (2024 only)

Claire Said

Lina Taschmann

Europe

Giuseppina De Simone

Sister Anne Ferrand

Helena Jeppesen-Spuhler

Sister Anna Mirijam Kaschner, CPS

Oksana Pimenova

Maria Sabov

Oceania

Trudy Dantis

Renée Köhler-Ryan

Kelly Paget

Sister Mary Angela Perez, RSM (2023 only)

Susan Sela

Grace Wrackia

UNDERSECRETARIES OF GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF SYNOD OF BISHOPS (1 OF 2)

Sister Nathalie Becquart, XMCJ

SPECIAL INVITEES (2 OF 8 IN 2023; 4 OF 8 IN 2024)

Eva Fernández Mateo, Catholic Action

Margaret Karram, Work of Mary-Focolare Movement

Sister Nadia Coppa, ASC, former president of the “International Union of Superiors General” (UISG) (2024 only)

Sister Philomena Shizue Hirota, MMB, member of the Preparatory Commission of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (2024 only)

FRATERNAL DELEGATES (2024 ONLY, 2 OF 16)

Professor Elizabeth Newman, President of the Doctrinal Commission for Christian Unity, Co-President of International Baptist-Catholic Dialogue

The Reverend Dr. Anne-Cathy Graber, Secretary for Ecumenical Relations

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANTS (1 OF 2)

Mother Maria Ignazia Angelini, OSB, Monastery of Viboldone, Italy

EXPERTS AND FACILITATORS (FACILITATORS, THEOLOGIANS, COMMUNICATORS) (21 OF 57 IN 2023; 23 OF 70 IN 2024)²

Experts: Facilitators

Sister María Luisa Berzosa González, FI, Spain

Sister Daniela Adriana Cannavina, CMR, Colombia

Sister María Suyapa Cacho Álvarez, DC, Honduras

Sandra Chaoul, Lebanon

Sister Maria Cimperman, RSCJ, USA

Sandie Cornish, Australia

Iris Gonzales, Dominican Republic (2023 only)

Sister Philomena Shizue Hirota, MMB, Japan (2023 only)

Claire Jonard, Belgium

Sister Jolanta Maria Kafka, RMI, Poland (2023 only)

Dr. Christina Kheng, Singapore

Sister Laurence Loubières, XMCJ, Canada (2023 only)

Sister Paola Nelemta Ngarndiguimal, SPC, Chad

Susan Pascoe, Australia

Sister Yvonne Reungoat, FMA, France

Sister Nicoletta Vittoria Spezzati, ASC, Italy

Erica Tossani, Italy

Avril Baigent, UK (2024 only)

Dr. Eugenia Alvarez, Italy (2024 only)

² Between 2023 and 2024, this category increased by thirteen. Of these additional numbers, eleven were men.

Sister Christine Danel, XMCJ, France (2024 only)

Kim Daniels, USA (2024 only)

Sister Anne Falola, OLA, Italy (2024 only)

Dr. Eva Gullo, Italy (2024 only)

Experts: Theologians

Professor Klára Antonia Csiszár, Romania/Austria

Sister Anne Béatrice Faye, CIC, Ivory Coast

Professor Anna Rowlands, UK

Professor Myriam Wijlens, Holland/Germany

**STAFF OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT IN ATTENDANCE (6 OF 15
IN 2023, 7 OF 13 IN 2024)**

Karina Fujisawa Simonetti

Tanyja George, M. Id.

Noemi Sanches

Federica Vivian

Paola Volterra Toppano

Sister Marie-Kolbe Zamora, OSF

Man Sze Paola Tai (2024 only)