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SUMMARIES

Richard R. Gaillardetz, *Synodality and the Francis Pontificate: a Fresh Reception of Vatican II*

The ten-year Francis pontificate represents a fresh reception of the Second Vatican Council. The full dimensions of this reception can be apprehended through the lens of synodality, the leitmotif of the Francis papacy. This essay will consider four features of synodality exhibited in the papal magisterium of Pope Francis that help us appreciate the ways in which Francis has creatively received conciliar teaching and advanced the conciliar agenda.

Gilfredo Marengo, *Evangelii gaudium: a Renewed Reception of Vatican II*

The apostolic exhortation *Evangelii gaudium*, programmatic of Francis' pontificate, offers valuable insights for a renewed reception of the magisterium of Vatican II. Its fundamental categories (pastoral conversion and missionary transformation of the Church) help to overcome the church-world and doctrine-pastoral polarizations that have profoundly marked many phases of the post-conciliar season. A better assimilation of this document may favour a more attentive, calm and unproblematic reading of some of the Pope's subsequent documents (*Laudato si'*, *Fratelli tutti*, *Amoris laetitia*), that are sometimes approached with polemical and divisive prejudices that have been an obstacle to their full appreciation.

Amaury Begasse de Dhaem, SJ, *The Filial Transfiguration of the Flesh in Evangelii gaudium*

Rooted in the Gospel and the Pauline narratives and centred on the Incarnation of the Son sent by the Father, the Christology of *Evangelii gaudium* proposes an itinerary of salvation, which evokes Irenaeus, Tertullian and some contemporary approaches. "Caro est cardo salutis": the "Saviour of the world" calls one to meet Him personally, making contact with "the world of the Saviour" (Pagazzi). Assuming the "hospitable" flesh and bringing about the unity of "recapitulation", Christ effects in history the "new creation", offering the "Spirit of filiation" who gives peace and joy, transfigures the flesh, and vivifies the body of the Church.

Maria Clara Lucchetti Bingemer, *The Option for the Poor from Bergoglio to Francis: a Reflection on Aparecida and Evangelii gaudium*

This article intends to reflect on how the option for the poor is very present in the V Latin American Episcopal Conference of Aparecida and deserves a prominent place in its concluding document. After reviewing the recent history of this option, we will try to see some basic theological characteristics that emerge from it, as well as its practical pastoral implications. Our last section will try to see how the Aparecida document has subsequently become the inspiration for the pontificate of Francis, who has made this theme and the language of this option his radiating center. For this, we will examine the first document of the current pontificate, the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, where much of the Aparecida concluding document is reflected, most especially in the centrality of the option for the poor.

Benjamín Clariond, LC, *The Pastoral Framework of the Church and the Prevention of Child Abuse*

In *Evangelii Gaudium* the Holy Father has set up a pastoral framework for the Church. It is made up of four realities: joy, evangelization, history and the Holy Spirit. In this article, each of these elements is analyzed to illustrate how it has permeated the Church's response to the crime of the abuse of minors, in order to create a safe environment and accompany victims in the healing process. Some events of Francis' pontificate are then presented to show how the Holy Father has modelled the pastoral conduct expected of an evangelizing Church. It makes clear that the protection of children and vulnerable adults is not a finished task, but an ongoing commitment.

Claudia Leal, *Towards a Family Spirituality of «Going forth». Notes for Discernment*

In this article the author brings together the notion of an “evangelising spirituality of going forth”, a key theme of the magisterium of pope Francis in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, and “family spirituality”, as formulated in the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. The author focuses on some particularly significant areas in the Latin American context, and reflects on the reception of the magisterium on the family and the challenges of the Church today.