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Vatican Radio for the Synod an example of news from the Vatican

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WHAT IS THE SYNOD?

The original meaning of this word is "to journey together".

It is a permanent institution willed by Pope Paul VI on 15th September 1965 to maintain alive the authentic spirit experienced in the Vatican Council.

The Synod is a place for the Bishops to meet together, for a sharing of information and experience.

It has the task to help the Pope with its advice.





THE SYNODS AND VATICAN RADIO

It is clear that we are not dealing with something purely churchy, catholic. It is an important event also from the social, cultural and political points of view.

It brings to Rome (and to the microphones of the Radio) the experience of the Churches from all over the world.

The debate examines all the realities of life of the Christian communities of the countries involved, in its relation to other faiths and the civilian society.



HRH prince El Hassan with Vatican Radio Arabic Desk staff

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THE EXPERIENCE OF SYNOD FOR AFRICA

- In order to guarantee information coverage of the Synod for Africa, Vatican Radio designed a web site prototype dedicated to the work of the Synod and including an interactive map of Africa.
- A specific working group was set up to coordinate and elaborate the written texts and the audio files produced for this occasion by Vatican Radio's different languages programmes.
- The results of this experience proved extremely encouraging.
- Which is why we decided to create a permanent space on our web site dedicated to the news and information on Africa that is produced daily by our Kiswahili, English, French, Portuguese and Italian programmes.







THE SYNOD 2010 FOR THE MIDDLE EAST REGION

- It is the first time that a Special Assembly is convened for the Middle East Region.
- Pope Benedict XVI made the announcement on 10th September 2009.
- The Synod will be held in Vatican from the 10th to the 24th October this year.
- It will be looking at a region that has 17 countries: Bahrein, Cyprus, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen



JERUSALEM AT THE SYNOD



- At the heart of this area is Jerusalem, seat of the holy sites of Christianity, but also of the Jews and the Muslims.
- Christianity was born in these lands, and today, it hosts various traditions of the Catholic Church: Coptic, Catholic Syrian, Chaldean, Greek Melkite, Latin and Armenian.
- Journing together, to develop an atmosphere of dialogue, peaceful cohabitation and a culture of peace.



VATICAN RADIO'S NEWS ON THE SYNOD

www.vaticanradio.org/synod







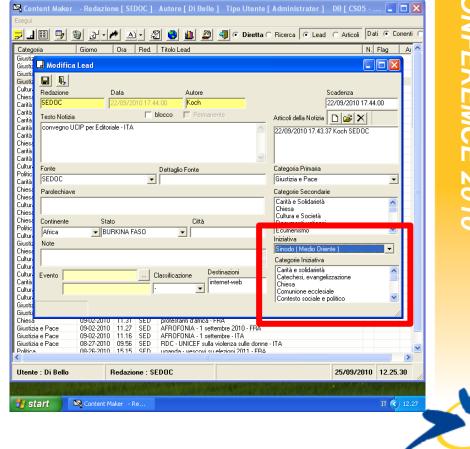
- Two hundred hours of radio broadcast on the five channels of Vatican Radio, live or recorded
- Internet as a convenient instrument for the news coverage
- Internet: the main reason for this choice is the accessibility
- Available in six languages Arabic, Armenian, English, French, Italian and Hebrew
- Update in real time
- All of this, and in particular the live programmes, the various services and interviews, will be available for other broadcasting stations to use.

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USEFUL CHANGES FOR THE FUTURE

- The creation of a special team of journalists and technicians.
- Some modifications of the CMS (Content Management System).
- During the Synod, we intend to make some interviews TOGETHER with CTV, for a multimedia production on the more important problems from a socio-cultural point of view.



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THE VATICAN RADIO PLAYER



Vatican Radio is working on the development of an Internet player capable of facilitating the access to news and to live, whether audio or video.

The choice of the player:

the time optimisation of content research for users interested in Church events; the possibility of making a permanent link with the person who is interested.

The player is an investment of Vatican Radio in view of developing collaboration between the catholic Radios all over the world.

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