

5-POINT SUMMARY OF THE SYNOD'S FINAL DOCUMENT IN RELATION TO THE PVA AND STRENNA 2025:

- **Synodality as a Way of Life and Mission:** The final document of the Synod of Bishops emphasizes synodality as a constitutive dimension of the Church, which should permeate all aspects of its life and mission.

This concept is in line with the commitment of the Association of Salesian Cooperators to live and promote the Salesian charism in fraternal and associated form, actively collaborating with bishops and pastors in parish communities and diocesan bodies.

- **Co-responsibility and participation of all the baptized:** The final document encourages the participation of all the baptized in the life of the Church, promoting greater co-responsibility and valuing the different charisms and ministries present in the People of God.

This principle is also reflected in the organization of the Association of Salesian Cooperators, which provides for different levels of participation and responsibility through Local, Provincial and World Councils, ensuring the representation of all members.

- **Importance of Listening, Dialogue and Discernment:** The final document highlights the importance of mutual listening, open dialogue and community discernment as essential elements of synodality.

These aspects are also fundamental to the Association of Salesian Cooperators, which encourages the ongoing formation of its members through the study and analysis of issues relevant to the Word of God, Church documents and the Salesian charism.

- **Missionary Conversion and Structural Renewal:** The final document highlights the need for missionary conversion and structural renewal to make the Church more participatory and missionary.

The Association of Salesian Cooperators, committed to living its vocation in the world, contributes to this conversion through apostolic action in the different spheres of society, bearing witness to Gospel values and promoting justice and peace.

- **Ecumenical Openness and Interreligious Dialogue:** The final document stresses the importance of the ecumenical journey and interreligious dialogue.

The Strenna for the Year 2025, focusing on hope and the journey with young people, invites us to look to the future with missionary zeal and renewed enthusiasm, opening up to dialogue with other Christian denominations and other religions to build together a more just and fraternal world.

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