

16 ORDINARY SYNODS

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Year	Number	Topic	Concluding document or apostolic exhortation
1967	I	Preserving and Strengthening the Catholic Faith	None. Called for the creation of an International Theological Commission and a revision of the 1917 Code of Canon Law .
1971	II	The Ministerial Priesthood and Justice in the World	<i>Justice in the World</i> ^{[42][43]}
1974	III	Evangelization in the Modern	Evangelii nuntiandi (apostolic

		World	exhortation) ^{[44][a]}
1977	IV	Catechesis in Our Time	<u><i>Catechesi Tradendae</i></u> (apostolic exhortation) ^[47]
1980	V	The Christian Family	<u><i>Familiaris consortio</i></u> (apostolic exhortation) ^{[48][49]}
1983	VI	Penance and Reconciliation in the Mission of the Church	<u><i>Reconciliatio et paenitentia</i></u> (apostolic exhortation) ^[50]
1987	VII	The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World	<u><i>Christifideles laici</i></u> (apostolic exhortation) ^[51]

1990	VIII	The Formation of Priests in Circumstances of the Present Day	<u><i>Pastores dabo vobis</i></u> (apostolic exhortation) ^[52]
1994	IX	The Consecrated Life and its Role in the Church and in the World	<u><i>Vita consecrata</i></u> ^[53]
2001	X	The Bishop: Servant of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the Hope of the World	<i>Pastores gregis</i> (apostolic exhortation) ^[54]
2005	XI	The Eucharist: Source and	<u><i>Sacramentum caritatis</i></u> (apostolic

		Summit of the Life and Mission of the Church	exhortation) [55]
2008	XII	The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church	<u>Verbum Domini</u> (apostolic exhortation) [56]
2012	XIII	The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith	<u>Evangelii gaudium</u> (apostolic exhortation) [57]
2015	XIV	<u>The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary</u>	* <i>Relatio Synodi</i> [58] * <u>Amoris laetitia</u> (apostolic exhortation) [59]

		<u>World</u>	
2018	XV	<u>Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment</u>	<u>Christus Vivit</u> (apostolic exhortation) ^[60]
2023	XVI	<u>For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission</u>	