

Councils of the General Secretariat

Ordinary Councils

Second Ordinary Council (November 6, 1971 - September 27, 1974)

Third Ordinary Council (26 October 1974 - 30 September 1977)

Fourth Ordinary Council (29 October 1977 - 26 September 1980)

Fifth Ordinary Council (25 October 1980 - 29 September 1983)

Sixth Ordinary Council (29 October 1983 - 1 October 1987)

Seventh Ordinary Council (30 October 1987 - 30 September 1990)

Eighth Ordinary Council (28 October 1990 - 2 October 1994)

Ninth Ordinary Council (29 October 1994 - 30 September 2001)

Tenth Ordinary Council (26 October 2001- 2 October 2005)

Eleventh Ordinary Council (21 October 2005 - 5 October 2008)

Twelfth Ordinary Council (24 October 2008 - 7 October 2012)

Thirteenth Ordinary Council (26 October 2012 - 4 October 2015)

Fourteenth Ordinary Council (25 October 2015 - 28 October 2018)

Councils for Extraordinary General Assemblies

First Extraordinary General Council: (1969)

Second Extraordinary General Council: (1985)

Pre-synodal councils of special assemblies

Council for the Special Assembly for the Netherlands (4 December 1979 - 14 January 1980)

Council for the 1st Special Assembly for Europe (27 August 1990 - 28 November 1991)

Council for the Special Assembly for Africa (20 June 1989 - 10 April 1994)

Council for the Special Assembly for Lebanon (24 January 1992 - 26 November 1995)

Council for the Special Assembly for America (13 June 1995 - 16 November 1997)

Council for the Special Assembly for Asia (10 September 1995 - 19 April 1998)

Council for the Special Assembly for Oceania (7 June 1996 - 22 November 1998)

Council for the 2nd Special Assembly for Europe (29 January 1997 - 1 October 1999)

Council for the Special Assembly on the Amazon (8 March 2018 -)

Post-synodal councils for special assemblies

Council for the Special Assembly for the Netherlands (5 February 1980)

Council for the 1st Special Assembly for Europe (13 December 1991)[1]

Council for the Special Assembly for Africa (7 May 1994)

Council for the Special Assembly for Lebanon (13 December 1995)

Council for the Special Assembly for America (12 December 1997)

Council for the Special Assembly for Asia (14 May 1998)

Council for the Special Assembly for Oceania (11 December 1998)

Council for the 2nd Special Assembly for Europe (23 October 1999)

[1] Strictly speaking this was not a post-synodal Council, but rather a commission which was entrusted with fulfilling the tasks that followed on from the Synodal Assembly. In fact, the Holy Father, in his concluding address of December 13, 1991, expressed the following desire: "In order that the affectus collegialis and the communio hierarchica may be increasingly strengthened (cf. Lumen Gentium, 22) of the Head and Members of the College of Bishops, so admirably lived out during the Synodal Assembly, for the benefit of evangelization in the European continent, I ask the Presidents Delegates, the General Rapporteur, the General Secretary and the Special Secretaries that, in analogy with the work of the Council of the General Secretariat of the Synod, that they assume the task of submitting to me within one year a concrete proposal for a structure dedicated to the application of the synodal intentions", JOHN PAUL II, Concluding remarks, n° 6: L'Osservatore Romano (15 December 1991), p. 5.