

Special Assembly for the Netherlands - The Pastoral Situation in the Netherlands (14-31 January 1980)

Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

In Session: 14 - 31 January 1980

Synod Fathers: 19

Topic: "The Pastoral Situation in the Netherlands"

The then-designated "Particular Synod for the Netherlands" or "Dutch Synod" as it was popularly known, is, according to the revised *Code of Canon Law* (cf. canon 345), subsequently promulgated in 1983, the first Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. This synodal gathering, held in Rome, treated the Vatican II concept of mystery of Church communion and its practical implications, both local and universal, centering on the figure of the bishop as "Teacher of the Faith" and "Pastor of Souls", both in his diocese and in the Episcopal Conference. At its conclusion the assembly adopted resolutions pertaining to the ministerial priesthood, religious life, the participation of the laity in the mission of the Church, the sacraments, the Eucharist and Confession, liturgy, catechesis and ecumenism, all based on the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. A specially-formed Council instituted at the end of this synodal assembly periodically meets with the General Secretariat to continue to assess the pastoral situation and to promote the implementation of the Synod resolutions. Though technically still in existence, this Council has not had a meeting since 10-11 November 1995.

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Documents of the Special Assembly for the Netherlands

Documento conclusivo dei lavori del Sinodo particolare dei Vescovi dei Paesi Bassi (31 gennaio 1980)

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LETTERA DI GIOVANNI PAOLO II AI CATTOLICI OLANDESI IN VISTA DEL SINODO DELLA CHIESA D'OLANDA - 6 gennaio 1980[DE - ES - FR - IT - PT]

SANTA MESSA A CONCLUSIONE DEL SINODO DEI VESCOVI OLANDESI OMELIA DI GIOVANNI PAOLO II -31 gennaio 1980[DE - ES - FR - IT - PT]