

Seventh Ordinary General Assembly - The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World (1-30 October 1987)

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Synod Fathers: 232

Topic: "The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World"

Through a consideration of the concepts of vocation ("being") and mission ("doing") in the Vatican II context of Church communion, the Synod Fathers sought to emphasize the distinctive nature of the lay faithful in the Church's life, in their sharing or communion in holiness and the Church's work of evangelization in the world, in virtue of their secular character. Because of the topic, this Synod witnessed a significant presence of lay persons as Auditors, who were called upon to address the general assembly and share insights in the Small Groups. For the first time, a lay woman and man were appointed as Adjunct Special Secretaries. The information resulting from this Synod, particularly the 54 propositions of the General Assembly, were used in the formulation of the *Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation "Christifideles laici"* of 30 December 1988.

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