

The Symposium

In cohort with researchers from other continents and in the context of the ongoing efforts at the local and general level by the Catholic Church in its Synodal processes, this Workshop, bringing together African theologians, is a framework for analysis and openness to horizons, so that the Church, Family of God, aware of her history and attentive to the aspirations of the African peoples, may become a genuine instrument of God's salvation in Africa.

Le symposium

En concert avec des chercheurs d'autres continents et dans le contexte des efforts déployés au niveau local et universel par l'Eglise catholique dans son processus synodal, ce symposium, regroupant des théologiens africains, est un cadre d'analyse et d'ouverture d'horizons pour que l'Eglise, Famille de Dieu, consciente de son histoire et attentive aux aspirations des peuples africains, devienne un authentique instrument de salut de Dieu en Afrique.



The Project

The international theological research project **Vatican II – Legacy & Mandate** aims to elaborate an intercontinental commentary on the documents of Vatican II, a project with about 120 theologians working together from the different continents and their specific cultures, faith and church contexts. The project is now underway in five Continental groups (Africa, Asia, Europa, Latin America, and USA-Canada-Australia) and 16 Commentary groups, each with members of the different Continental groups to develop together a multifaceted commentary of each Conciliar document.

Le projet

Le projet international de recherche théologique **Vatican II – Héritage & Mandat** vise à élaborer un commentaire intercontinental sur les documents de Vatican II, un projet avec environ 120 théologiens travaillant ensemble, provenant de différents continents et de milieux culturels spécifiques, de foi et de contextes ecclésiaux. Le projet est maintenant en cours d'exécution dans cinq groupes continentaux (Afrique, Asie, Europe, Amérique latine et USA-Canada-Australie) et 16 autres groupes de commentaires, chacun constitué de membres de différents groupes continentaux pour développer ensemble un commentaire multiforme sur chaque document conciliaire.

WORKSHOP OF THE AFRICAN STUDY GROUP

The Coordinators of African study group

Edoh Fokomlan Bedjra

Nontando Hadebe

Continental Symposium

60 years of VATICAN II

Theological reflections in Continental perspectives



at St. Padre Pio Spirituality Centre, Plot 25, Kort Street, Rietvalleirand 0181, Erasmuskloof, Pretoria.

12 – 15 January 2023

PROGRAM

12 January 2023

Opening Ceremony | 8.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m

Opening Addresses

African Study Group on the way of the intercultural Commentaries on Vatican II

Nontando Hadebe

Edoh Bedjra

Klaus Vellguth

Moderation :
Wilbert Gobbo

Panel 1 | 9.00 a.m. – 12.30 a.m

**Church in Africa and Vatican II :
History**

Bato Ora Ballong

Coffee & Tea : 10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Alfred Guy Bwidi Kitambala

Anselm Laurence Prior

Edoh Bedjra : Missing Church Regions ?

Moderation :
Daniel Assefa Kassaye

Panel 2 | 2.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m

Reception in Church Africa's

Vitalis Anaehobi

Anselme Afoutou

Coffee & Tea : 4.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Michel Wabgou

Moderation : Emmanuel P. Issomo

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Panel 3 | 8.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m

**Reception in Church Africa's
(suite)**

Kabapeu Serge Faustin Yomi

Francis Barbé

Coffee & Tea: 9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

*Edoh Bedjra : Missing areas of reception
in the Church Africa's*

Moderation :
Vitalis Anaehobi

**Panel 4 | 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 a.m.
&
2.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.**

**Documents in light and life of
Church Africa's**

Nontando Hadebe

Jean-Paul Niyigena

Appolinaire Tomeho

Coffee & Tea : 4.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Emmanuel P. Issomo

Codjo Mawunedi Agbagnon

Moderation : Gaston Ogui Cossi

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Panel 5 | 8.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m

**Re-read documents in light and life
of Church Africa's**

Daniel Assefa Kassaye

Florent Gimagesa

Jean-Paul Niyigena

Gaston Ogui Cossi

Wilbert Gobbo

Conclusion

Edoh BEDJRA

Moderation : Anselme Afoutou

**11.30 a.m. : Lunch
01 p.m.: Pretoria tour
7.30 p.m: Super**