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The Synodality of the Church: Theology and Practice

This seminar is proudly brought to you through the partnership between BBI-The Australian Institute of Theological Education (BBI-TAITE) and Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada (SPU).

In an effort to further the mission of our respective institutions, to inspire and encourage the People of God to contribute to the life of the Church, we have designed this seminar on the theology and practice of synodality, which Pope Francis calls a “constitutive element” of the Church.

This seminar will provide insights and a deeper understanding of the Church – its nature, its mission, its structures, and its worship.

It is designed for those working in:

- Diocesan Chanceries
- Marriage Tribunals
- Catholic agencies
- Catholic Boards and Trustees
- Religious Institutes
- Governance, Canon Law, Leadership and Theology
- Ministerial PJPs

Date: 28 Tuesday – 30 Thursday
August 2018

Venue: BBI-TAITE

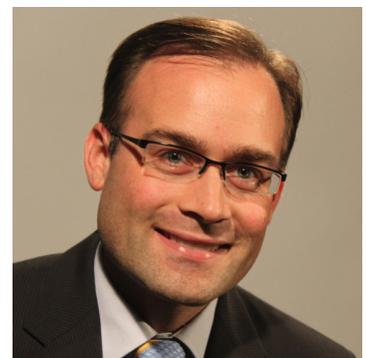
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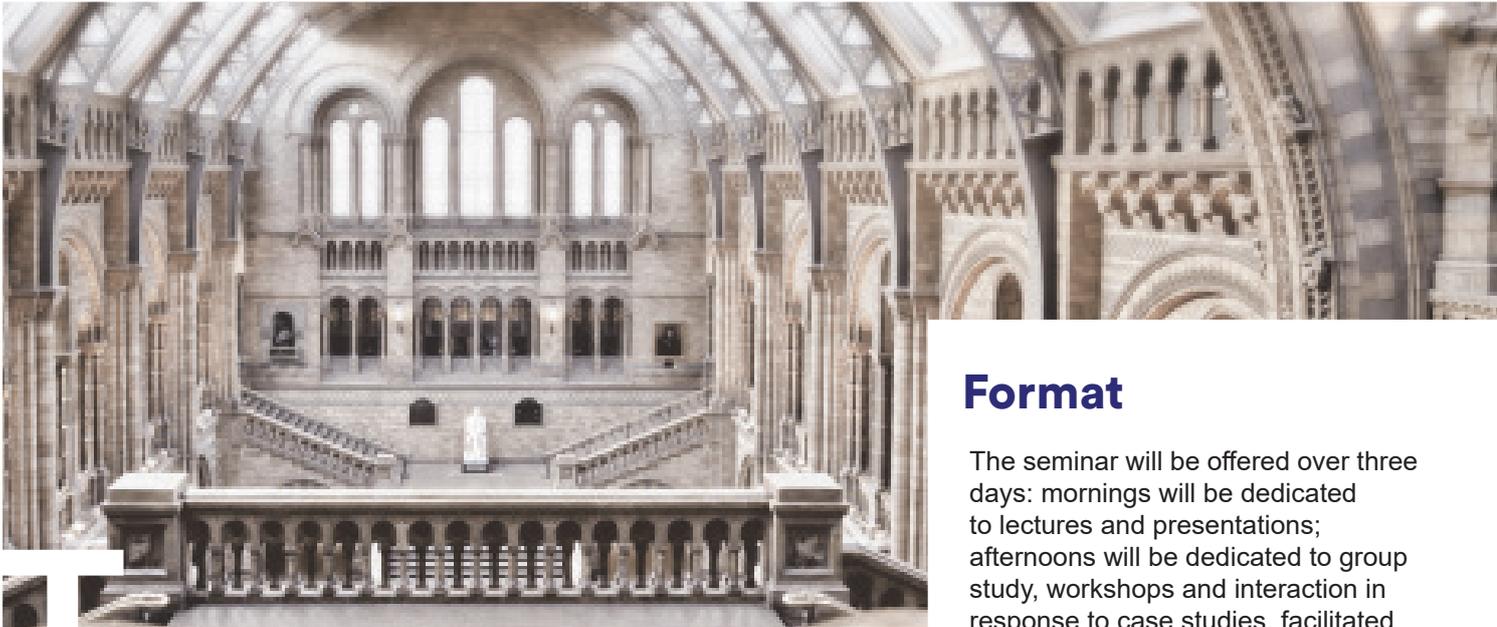
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This seminar will investigate in depth the repeated teachings of Pope Francis about synodality as a “constitutive element” of the Church.

Synodality is a term that succinctly focuses the theology of Vatican II which invites the entire People of God to journey together, to “accompany” each other, as we live as the Church. Since the entire Church is synodal in its essence and all its relationships, synodality must be experienced in all the various collaborative structures in each nation, diocese, and parish.

The seminar, therefore, will focus on “structures of synodality,” and it will identify various ways in which these structures would function with an increasingly synodal spirit.

Synodality also finds expression through the “full, conscious, and active participation” of the faithful in liturgical celebrations (Vatican Council II, *Sacrosanctum concilium*, n. 14). The seminar will examine this liturgical dynamic as a concrete and lived expression of synodality, found at the source and summit of ecclesial life and mission.

Format

The seminar will be offered over three days: mornings will be dedicated to lectures and presentations; afternoons will be dedicated to group study, workshops and interaction in response to case studies, facilitated reflection and discussion.

Day 1: *Synodality in the Church Today* (lecturer John Renken)

Day 2: *Structures of Synodality in the Church* (lecturer John Renken)

- Participatory Councils
- Dioceses
- Synods, councils
- Parishes

Day 3: *Liturgy: Source, Summit and Life of Synodal Church* (lecturer Chad Glendinning)

- People of God
- Full, active, conscious participation of the faithful in the life of the liturgy
- Distinct and complementary liturgical roles

Saint Paul University Credit Equivalency:

Currently enrolled SPU students and special students who attend The Synodality of the Church: Theology and Practice seminar are entitled to 1.5 credits from SPU:

- ‘Special students’ may apply for SPU credit and should pay the SPU unit enrolment fee. **Enquiries:** canonlaw@ustpaul.ca
- Students of both SPU and BBI-TAITE can take the seminar for credit into SPU courses.

Seminar Fee: \$420 (+GST)

per/person, which covers the three-day seminar, all materials and catering.

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