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Dear Friends,

Greetings and wishes from the FABC Office of Social Communication. I write this letter to forward to you the **Synthesis of the *Instrumentum Laboris* (IL)** from the Secretariat of the Synod of the Holy See. In keeping with the wish of Pope Francis to involve all the people of God in the Synodal journey, the Synod Secretariat in collaboration with our Office and the OSCs of each country and the Conference Secretariat intend to translate this text into as many Asian languages as possible. Another two files are: **FAQ**, and **The Elements of Language** which may also be used for further dissemination. Please find also the links to the Holy See's communication on the Synod. Please note that the IL Synthesis is under embargo until June 20 2.30 pm. when the Holy See will officially release the IL in a press conference.

Kindly get this attached Synthesis translated into the language (s) of your country as soon as possible so that the people will be able to follow the unfolding of events related to the Synod. Please consult the President and other authorized persons in your episcopal conference to approve the text and to seek suggestions for ways in which you can disseminate it to the faithful and to the media in general.

While the translated text could be shared by the local churches to their faithful, it will also be shared through the Synod website and other channels. Kindly send the translation to us by e-mail. Our experience in this regard during the Asian continental assembly of the Synod in Bangkok in February, was much appreciated.

Kindly do whatever is possible to share information about the Synod, the working document and other upcoming events on the Synod session of October 2023, with the church media as well as secular media in your country. Do not hesitate to contact me for clarifications, if any. We plan to convene a zoom meeting in the last week of June to discuss further plans and strategies.

With best wishes

Fr George. Plathottam sdb
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Attached:
IL Synthesis
Elements of Language
FAQ