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God's blessing for our common cause at the Synod of Bishops in Rome

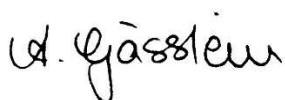
From 2 to 27 October 2024, the second meeting of the Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops will take place in Rome - and the World Synod will come to an end. Several groups are campaigning for the issue of «Women in the Catholic Church» and in particular the topics of 'ordination to the diaconate and ordination of women' as part of this synod:

The Catholic Women Council (CWC) will be in Rome from 1 - 4 October, planning events with other groups such as the Women's Ordination Group International, Tras las huellas de Sophia, Comité de la jupe, Donne per la chiesa, South African women theologians and Asian women. They are also part of the events organised by «spirit unbounded». The organisation 'We are Church', which is active in German-speaking countries, will be present at the Angelus prayer on Sunday, 13 October at 12 noon and will support Pope Francis with an appeal for EQUALITY. There is an ongoing call for networking with other organisations.

There are numerous people in Switzerland who support the cause of «women's ordination» in the Catholic Church. We are very grateful that our sisters and brothers around the world are committed to these causes in Rome. By 20 September, 358 signatures for the open letter «Addressing the consecration of women» in the «Reforms Now» campaign¹ had been received. The number of signatures should not obscure the fact that the issue is the most important concern in the Catholic Church in Switzerland.

As early as 2018, 312 female theologians initiated and published the letter «A Church of Comprehensive Equality». In view of the commitment of our friends and sisters in Rome, we would like to send you the letter «A Church of Inclusive Equality» and pray that their voices will be heard. The full text, including the names of all co-signing theologians, is available in German here:

https://www.kirche-heute.ch/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Eine-Kirche-umfassender-Gleichwertigkeit_M%C3%A4rz2019.pdf



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¹ <https://www.kathsg.ch/DE/247/Frauenweihe.htm>