



Ten years after *Amoris laetitia*: *proclaiming the Gospel with families today*

Meeting of the Holy Father Leo XIV
with the Heads of Eastern Churches
and the Presidents of Episcopal Conferences

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Introduction to the theme of the day

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In the difficulties of life: accompanying and supporting

In the face of the fragility experienced by families, *Amoris Laetitia* invited us to give priority to listening, to avoid judging too quickly, and to allow ourselves to be surprised by the action of God's grace in people's lives. In this respect, the Apostolic Exhortation has called forth the very best of our vocation as pastors.

Avoiding any spirit of controversy, this fourth day invites us to speak truthfully about our experience. We will reflect on what we have learned by listening to people and to their stories; on the opportunities that episcopal ministry gives us to enter into the complexity of family life – a complexity that may reveal human frailty, personal sin or the consequences of the sins of others; and on the actions of the Church through which the salvation brought by Christ becomes visible and tangible.

From this starting point, we will be called to discern how we can continue along the path of mercy opened by Pope Francis following the Synod on the Family. This requires us to evaluate which aspects are most significant for the Church's mission in our own regions, taking into account a reality that we cannot fully control, and to identify the efforts still required of us in fidelity to the Gospel.