



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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Christian families as subjects of the Church's mission

This final day of our work will return to the missionary foundations of conjugal and family love, which the Second Vatican Council and successive Popes have progressively brought to light.

If families are called to become ever more agents of the Church's mission, this is first of all because of the missionary dynamism inherent in conjugal love itself. This begins with the transmission of faith and Christian life within the family and finds fuller expression in the witness of authentic love, capable of inspiring commitment both within the Church and in society.

Such witness is rooted in Baptism and Christian initiation, while the sacrament of marriage gives it its own distinctive expression. Through the most concrete realities of Christian family life, the Church's mission draws close to all the families of the world, who experience many of the same joys and trials.

Through their lived faith, families can bring the tenderness of Christ to those who are alone or whose lives have been marked by fragility and hardship. Our discussions today will therefore seek to identify those initiatives that most effectively bring to light and foster the missionary vocation of the family.