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[commission](#): Joshua J. McElwee and Brian Roewe covered the breaking news at the end of the synod: "The Vatican gathering of Catholic bishops from the Amazon has called on Pope Francis to allow for the priestly ordination of married men on a regional basis in order to address a lack of ministers across the nine-nation region."

Francis' homily during the synod's closing Mass serves as a fitting epilogue for the Oct. 6-27 gathering: [Closing synod, Francis warns against righteous who leave God 'out in the cold.'](#)

#### [Upcoming bishops' meeting reflects current state of US church](#)

Michael Sean Winters writes a curtain raiser about the upcoming U.S. bishops' annual plenary meeting, which he calls "a metaphor for the situation of the Catholic Church in our nation."

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