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## Photo Gallery - Laity seek role in Church governance

Die erste Synode katholischer Laien fand in Neu-Deli statt vom 30. Juni bis 1. Juli



The first synod of Catholic laity was held in New Delhi on June 30-July 1.

Das war ein Novum in Indien, dass Laien, die ca. 17 Millionen zählen in diesem Land, über ihre Rolle in der Kirche im Licht von Vatikan II reflektieren.



This was the first time that the laity, who number possibly more than 17 million in this country, were introspected on their role in the Church in the light of the Vatican II.



Around 100 delegates from 15 north Indian dioceses attended the synod organized by the All India Catholic Union and the Federation of Catholic Association of the Archdiocese of Delhi.

Etwa 100 Delegierte von 15 Diözesen nahmen an der Synode teil, die von der All India Catholic Union und der Federation of Catholic Association der Erzdiözese Delhi organisiert wurde.



Ziel der Synode war es, die Erwartungen der Laien gebündelt dem Klerus zu präsentieren, um für eine verantwortungsvolle Rolle in der Kirche zu plädieren.

The synod aimed to gather laity's aspirations and put them before the clergy so that lay women and men can play a responsible role in the Church.

Die Laiensynode wollte, dass Pfarrgemeinderäte Entscheidungsgremien werden, in denen Laienorganisationen verantwortlich sind für die Finanzen der Pfarreien und die Fortbildung von Laien.



The laity synod wanted parish councils be made a decision-making body, parish finance committees and formation of laity through lay associations.



Eine Rückmeldung war, die Ermächtigung von Laien in der katholischen Kirche voranzubringen; bisher waren das in Indien nur kosmetische Maßnahmen, wie z.B. Austeilung der heiligen Kommunion, wenn kein Priester präsent war.

One of the council feedbacks was to focus on lay empowerment in the Catholic Church which has been so far cosmetic only in India, such as allowing lay people to distribute Holy Communion in the absence of a