ABOUT THE LECTURE
Dr. Agnes Brazal (Philippines) explores how Pope Francis enhances the concept of synodality to involve “especially those on the periphery who are often excluded and forgotten” and even those who have left the church. This thrust toward maximum participation and inclusion illuminates theological differences and conflicts within the church. This lecture explores how the use of new media, following the vTaiwan model, can be a means to go beyond an impasse and discern the consensus fidelium.

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