

Fundamental Canonical Principles and Application of the Synodal Canonical Form within the Organization and the Leadership of the Church

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Abstract

The canonical principles are bases or general rules on which is built the whole legislative process and they become therefore the legal source for law rules or canons. They received expression within the text of the Holy Canons, generally and mandatory confirmed as supreme authority of the Ecumenical Council, being found in the 34th apostolic canon, the quintessential text of them which puts together the most important of them. The synodal principle, the most important of the canonical principles, which is in a certain association with other principles, aims first of all the organizational form and then the synodal leading method of the Church, the synodal bodies of Church leadership being superior to the individual ones. Thus, there is a natural link Church-Synod, and Synod-Church, each of this reality revealing or giving expression authentically to the other.