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Pope Francis and the cardinals leading the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon urged participants **[to be open to new ideas such as married priests](#)**; Joshua J. McElwee reports. Read **[all of NCR's synod coverage here](#)**.

**[Pope urges synod to embrace 'daring prudence,' not status quo](#)**: Thomas Reese provides analysis on this request by Francis.

**[Indigenous from Brazil bring plea to Rome: 'We need more protection'](#)**:

Ahead of the Amazon synod, indigenous leaders traveled to Rome tell scholars and clergy about the dangers that their communities face — death threats from armed invaders and destructive deforestation.

**[Fiji archbishop advocates nonviolence to help stabilize social unrest](#)**: After social media posts about future unrest in Suva, thousands kept their children home from school. Religious leaders like Archbishop Peter Chong worked to calm the public.

"In the spirit of St. Francis, nurturing a humble, listening heart is requisite to disrupt the evil of our time," writes Alex Mikulich. "**[Becoming humble is requisite for decolonizing the Anthropocene](#)**."

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