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Evangelization in the Present and the Future of Latin America

Select points:

• The major themes: evangelization, communion and participation

• The great scandal of poverty and inequality (Puebla 27-30)

• “A situation of social sin” (28), “social systems … marked by sin” (92), “structures of sin” (281, 452, citing John Paul II)

• “Faces” of the poor (31-39)

• A preferential option for the poor (Part IV, ch. I; cf. 1142) and also for youth (ch. II)

• The absence of the martyrs (cf. 92)

• Christian Base Communities (CEBs) (96-98)

• Freedom and integral liberation (321-339, etc.)

• The rejection of three ideologies: capitalist liberalism, Marxist collectivism and the National Security State doctrine (542-554)

• Women (834-849; cf. 317, 419, 1135 n. 3)