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Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of Bridgeport, Conn., gives the homily during prayer at the start of a session of the Synod of Bishops on young people, the faith and vocational discernment at the Vatican Oct. 18. (CNS/Paul Haring)

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NCR reporters discuss the news from the Synod of Bishops on young people, their exclusive interview with Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich, and the push for women's

voting rights at the synod.

**On the show today:**

- Joshua J. McElwee, NCR Vatican correspondent
- Heidi Schlumpf, NCR national correspondent

**Background reading:**

- Young people crave spiritual mentorship, but such guides need to be trained to accompany younger Catholics today, according to the second round of reports from the English-speaking working groups at the Synod of Bishops, reports Heidi Schlumpf.
- In an exclusive interview with NCR, Cupich said that individual Catholic bishops across the United States must renounce some of the supreme authority they have over their dioceses to allow for the creation of a new national body to investigate misconduct allegations.
- The two Rome-based umbrella groups representing nearly a million members of male and female Catholic religious orders around the world are planning to present Pope Francis with a proposal to give women a larger role in the Synod of Bishops. Joshua McElwee talked to Sr. Sally Hodgdon for Global Sisters Report. She emphasized that the International Union of Superiors General will continue to press for women's voting rights at the synod.
- On the political activity around the synod, Michael Sean Winters writes: "The potential for genuine synodality makes me hope that those who want change, even those who want change I would applaud, will give Pope Francis some wiggle room."

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