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An African package for church reform emerges at Synod

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Generally speaking, Catholic debate outside of Europe and the United States is usually distinguished by its *ad extra* orientation, meaning that the focus is not so much insider Catholic baseball but rather the burning challenges of the broader society, and how the Catholic church can be an agent for change.

What seems to be emerging at the Oct. 4-25 Synod for Africa, however, is a conviction that for the Catholic church to be helpful in Africa *ad extra*, it first has some *ad intra* business to resolve.

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