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***Sensus Fidei, Sesus Fidelium* and the Magisterium**

**Call for Papers**

Fifty years ago the Second Vatican Council affirmed that the body of the faithful as a whole, as they are anointed by the Holy Spirit, have a supernatural sense of faith ( *sensus fidei* ) which has an unerring quality, when there is a universal agreement among them in matters of ‘faith and morals’. This sense of faith of the community is discerned and articulated by the official teaching authority of the Church whenever it is called for (LG, 12, DV, 10). Today fifty years after the Council when we talk about a Participatory Church and Peoples Churches, several legitimate questions arise: Which body is the *magisterium?* Is it exclusively the body of Bishops? Or could it be a representative body consisting of bishops, clergy and members of the laity both men and women? In our situation of divided Churches, which is the authoritative teaching body? What are the place, role and value of a universal agreement and their ‘unerring quality’ today in a post-modern and ‘post-truth’ age? How can we live in a world with provisional faith statements, but always searching for the meanings of the Word of God for us today? Revelation, Deposit of Faith, Apostolic faith, interpretation of faith-statements, diversity of faith-statements, role of theologians as ‘avant-garde’, role of local Churches/communities etc. need to be further explored. It is a project for study and deeper investigation. We do not propose ready-made formulations and answers. The following areas are suggested for investigation.

**Suggested Topics** [only suggestions, not exhaustive]:

- Different Concepts and Models of Revelation and Faith

- Task of Interpretation of Revelation and Scripture

- Role of Scriptures and Traditions in Religions

- Community and Need of Teaching Authority

- Conflict between Hierarchical Structures and Democratic Movements

- Are Absolute Truths Given once for all?

- Vatican II on Revelation and its Interpretation, *Sensus Fidei* and *Sensus Fidelium*

- Role of the Laity in the Teaching Authority of the Church

- Ecumenical Councils and Reception: A Historical Investigation

- The Process of Reception in the Church

- Teachings of the Church: Definitive or Provisional?

- Teachings of the Church: Dogmatic or Pastoral?

- Pope Francis and his Teachings

- Magisterium and Conscience

- *Sensus Fidelium*, Magisterium and Moral Implications

- *Sensus Fidelium*, Magisterium and the ‘Synodal Church’

Please send your articles (4500-5000 words, including the footnotes) at the latest by **20 September 2018**. Kindly include the abstract of the article in 150-200 words, 5-7 Keywords and a summary of the CV of the author in 100-150 words.

Other regular items: “New Scholars”: Abstract of doctoral theses (recently defended and not yet published); Reports and Statements of important conferences, Book Reviews.

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N.B. Kindly forward this to your friends and colleagues.

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