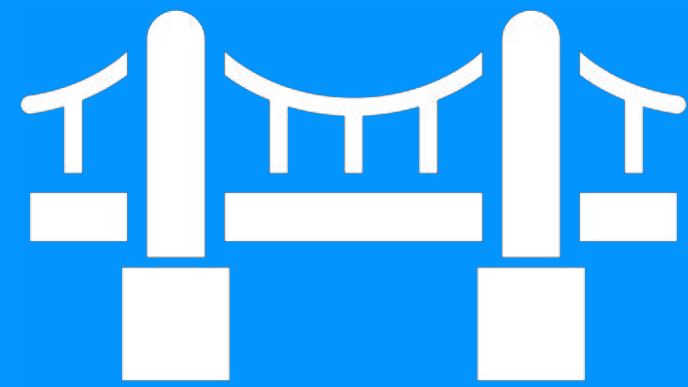


A group of diverse people are seated around a table in a meeting room, engaged in discussion. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text 'BEING PARISH-IN-COUNCIL' is prominently displayed in the center in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the main title, a subtitle in a smaller, white, sans-serif font reads 'Bringing synodal processes to a local faith community in mission'. The background shows people looking at documents, holding water bottles, and interacting with each other. The overall atmosphere is collaborative and focused.

BEING PARISH-IN-COUNCIL

Bringing synodal processes to a local faith community in mission

TODAY'S WORKSHOP



Being Synodal
Creating a bridge
between communion
and mission



**Becoming a
Parish-in-Council**
Our journey together



**Our experience
of being a
Parish-in-Council**



**Q&A and
Discussion**



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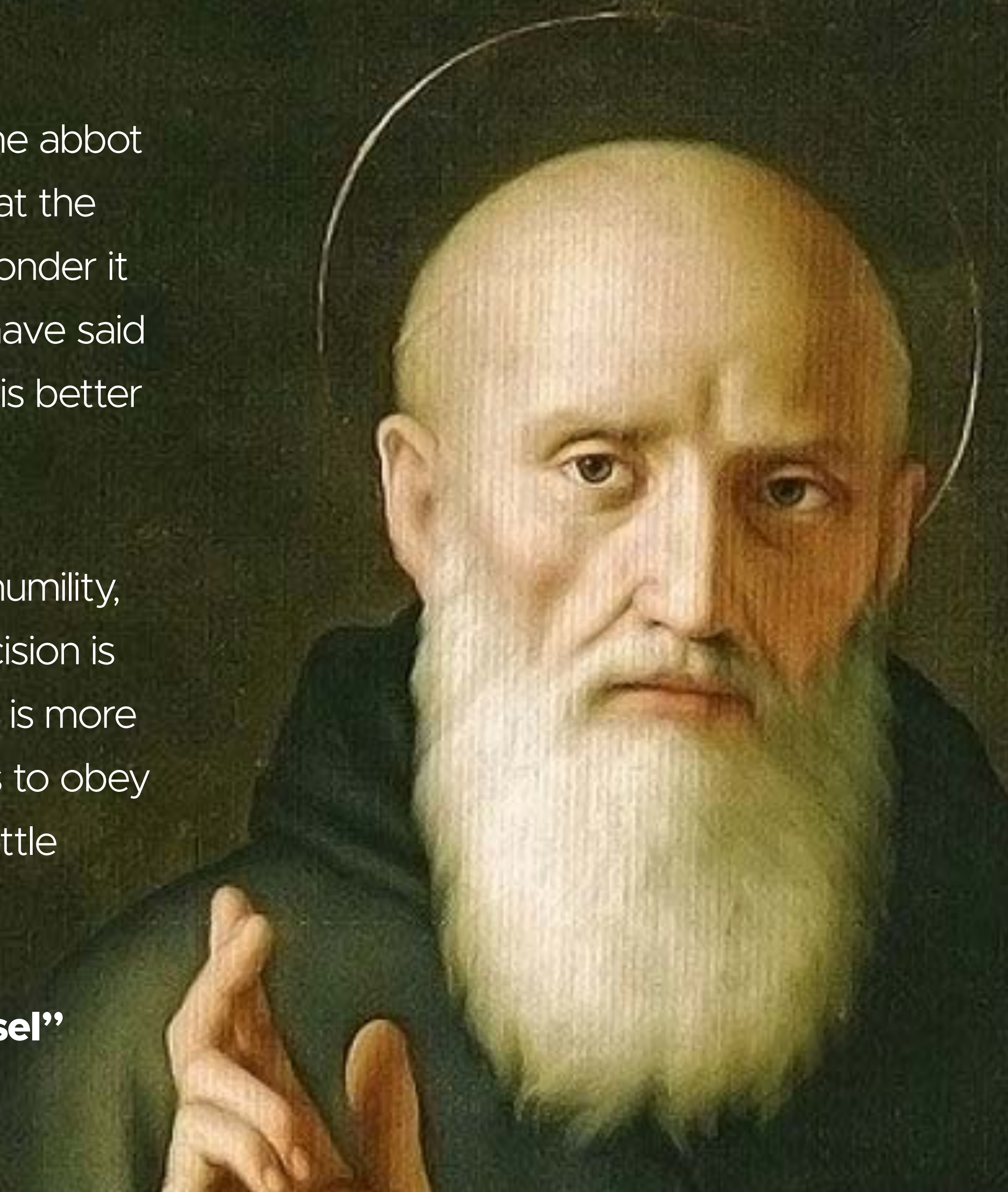
(literally, “walking together”)

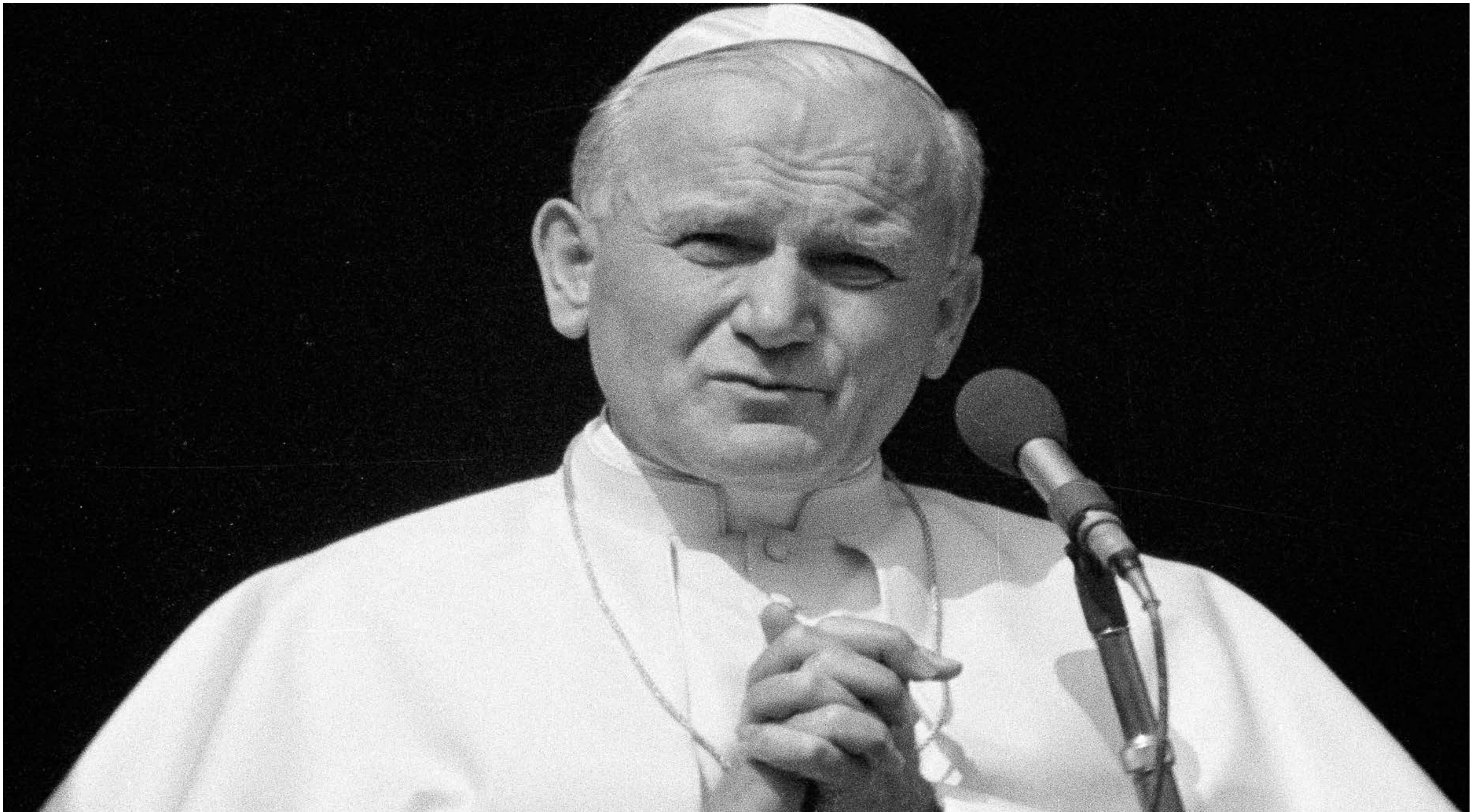


“As often as anything important is to be done in the monastery, the abbot shall call the whole community together and himself explain what the business is; and after hearing the advice of the brothers, let him ponder it and follow what he judges the wiser course. The reason why we have said all should be called for counsel is that the Lord often reveals what is better to the younger.

The brothers, for their part, are to express their opinions with all humility, and not presume to defend their own views obstinately. The decision is rather the abbot’s to make, so that when he has determined what is more prudent, all may obey. Nevertheless, just as it is proper for disciples to obey their master, so it is becoming for the master on his part to settle everything with foresight and fairness.”

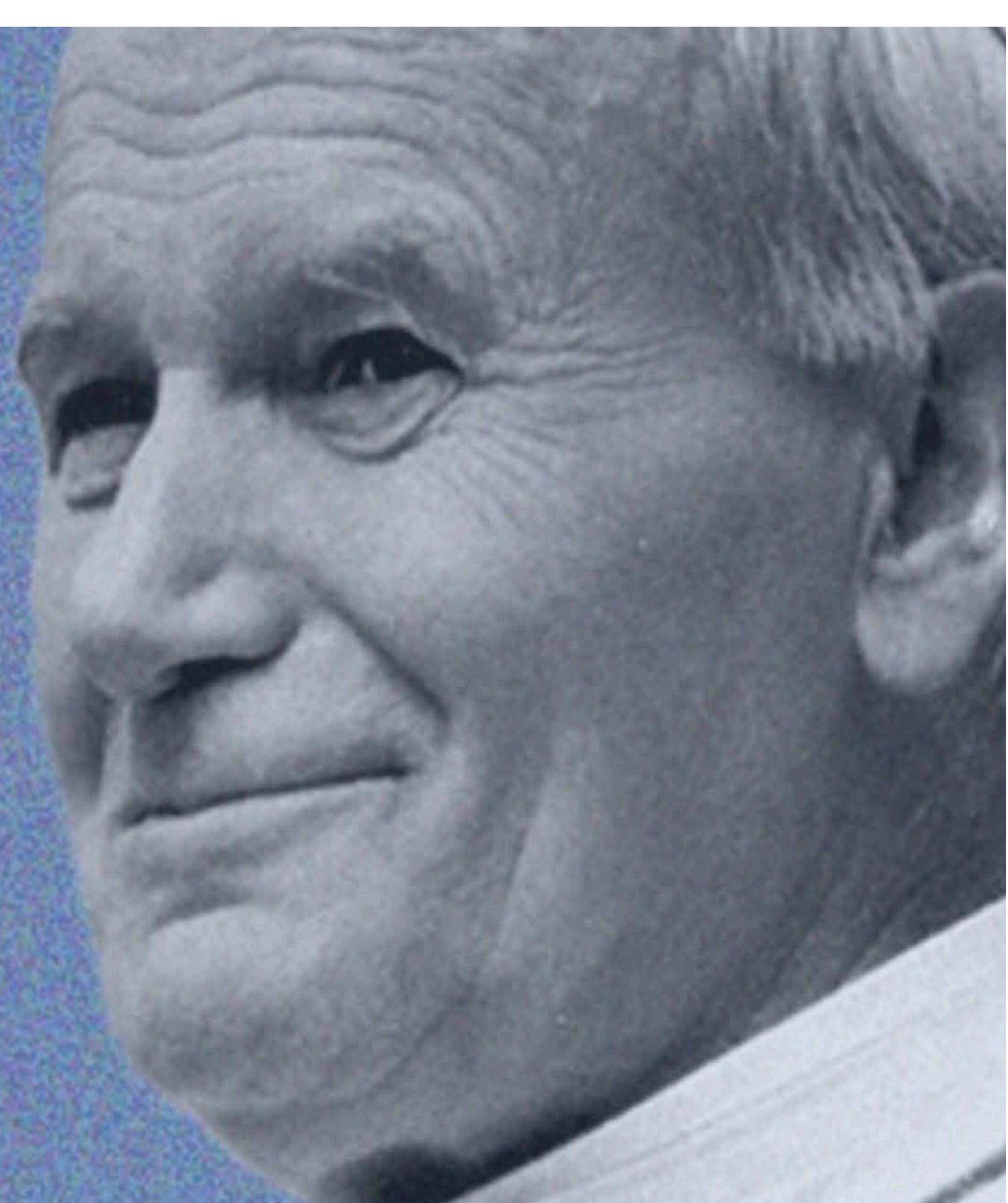
Rule of St Benedict, “Summoning the Brothers for Counsel”







“To make the Church the home and the school of communion: that is the great challenge facing us in the millennium, which is now beginning, if we wish to be faithful to God's plan and respond to the world's deepest yearnings”



“Participation: A call for the involvement of all who belong to the People of God – laity, consecrated and ordained – to engage in the exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another.

This listening creates space for us to hear the Holy Spirit together, and guides our aspirations for the Church of the Third Millennium.

Participation is based on the fact that all the faithful are qualified and are called to serve one another through the gifts they have each received from the Holy Spirit.

In a synodal Church the whole community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called together to pray, listen, analyse, dialogue, discern and offer advice on making pastoral decisions which correspond as closely as possible to God's will.”





Encounter, Listening & Discernment