

**Nothing
changes
if nothing
changes**



"... a new way of imagining the Church is emerging, and the final document will present images to display that, much as Jesus used parables to announce the Kingdom."

Timothy Radcliffe, OP, at presentation of final draft of Synod Document, 10/21/24

"You must not be satisfied with a kind of classroom theology. Your thinking must have its location on the very edges of the earth. Because good theologians, just like good pastors, smell the people and the street and, by their thinking, they pour oil and wine on the wounds of human beings.... theology must re-think its method and its ways of investigation."

Franciscus, Motu Proprio, 21 December 2013

Locating turning points in history is strangely attractive. We like to account for them by the actions of great men (rarely women). Before it was like this, after it was like that, the story goes. Though in reality many influences are at work, many slow changes and complex dynamics lie between the before and after. Peruvian Dominican priest GUSTAVO GUTIÉRREZ who died on 22 October 2024, aged 96, for many in the Catholic Church, was such a man.... as the father of Liberation Theology. His thinking is the key to understanding the most important current ideas in Catholicism worldwide since the 1960s.

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**How is it you
do not
know how
to interpret
these times?**

Luke 12:54-59