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1. General Objective

The Second Vatican Council brought a new Spring time to the Catholic Church. The Latin-American and Caribbean Church welcomed it with enthusiasm and made it to become the spring of the Church and mostly of the poor. This year 2012 the Church is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, the event that generated so much fruit. Is it still the spring for the poor? This is the question that the SEDOS seminar wants to deal with and discuss with the other continents from the perspective of the Indigenous People and Women besides the role of the Laity in the Latin American Church.

2. Approaches

The leading thread to address the three themes chosen will be the **CELAM** (*Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Conference*), and the respective changes they have caused at various levels.

2.1 A Historical, Social and Ecclesial Overview

In the first part of the Seminar there will be the presentation of an overview of the historical, social and ecclesial aspects, so that participants can understand what has happened in Latin America and the Caribbean during these years; and also the birth the growth and the journey made by the General Conferences of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean.

This picture will help to situate and deepen the three topics the Seminar is dealing with.

2.1 The emergence of Indigenous Peoples

In the past 50 years, from north to south of the continent, the Indians appear in the political, social, cultural and religious circles and in the world heritage. Why are they emerging? What are their major contributions? What changes will this bring in the future of the continent?

2.2 The emergence of Women

Another significant development has been the role of women in the socio-political, cultural and religious levels that have taken place on the continent. Gender issues are now part of everyday discussions. What changes have happened with the presence of women in different spheres of society? What kind of new Spring can be born for our people from the effective contribution of women at all levels?

2.3 The emergence of the laity

The Second Vatican Council has led to profound transformations in the role of the laity within and outside the Church and the Catholic Church with other Churches. "The abundant life for all" (Jn 10:10) has become the center of attention, creating new and different ministries and commitments in the areas of ecclesial and social life. Which fruits have been produced in recent years? What are the proposals of the laity in order to ensure that the new Spring time will continue to flourish?

3. Methodology

The Seminar will use the same methodology that the Latin American and the Caribbean Church and popular movements have employed during the last years (see-judge-act-celebrate) to discuss the themes chosen.

4. SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS PROPOSALS

4.1 Indigenous Peoples: Nicanor Sarmiento TUPAYUPANQUI, OMI

4.2 The Women:

4.3 Laity: Ms. Maria Clara LUCCHETTI BINGEMER and Ms. Emilia ROBBLES

DATES: 8-12 May 2012

5.1. Arrival: Tuesday, 8 May, at 15:30

5.2. Conclusion: Saturday, 12 May, after Lunch

Place: Ad Gentes Center, SVD, NEMI, ROME