



## FALL BOOKS 2015

### CHRIST'S NEW HOMELAND – AFRICA

#### A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SYNOD ON THE FAMILY

by African Bishops

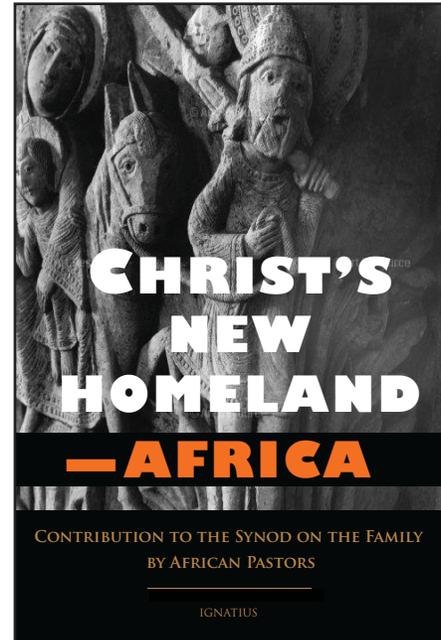
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In preparation for the forthcoming XIV General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops October 2015, ten African Cardinals and Bishops have contributed important essays to provide a unique insight into the attitudes of Africans toward marriage and the family. In the process, they discuss the culture and traditions of their homeland, while drawing "attention to the rich and beautiful teaching of the Magisterium of the Church on that subject", as Francis Cardinal Arinze indicates in his preface.

These African pastors provide much food for thought and reflection about modern Western culture and our personal lives, as well as an introduction to the Synod. The title of the book comes from a phrase used by Blessed Pope Paul VI, which in our time beautifully expresses the universality of the Church and the increasing role played by African Church leaders. Among the contributing Cardinals and Bishops are **Cardinal Robert Sarah, Cardinal Francis Arinze, Cardinal Christian Tumi, Cardinal Théodore Sarr, Archbishop Samuel Kleda** and many more

"The African prelates make a concise presentation of the attitude of Africans toward marriage and the family. Africans see the family as a community of love between a man and a woman, with a loving opening to children. Marriage is the entry. It comes from the creating hands of God, and so no human being has the authority to try to re-invent it. A marriage in Africa establishes a link between the families of the man and the woman, with each side ready to help to make it a success. Appreciation of the complementarity of man and woman and of the divine origin of marriage and the family cuts across cultural, linguistic, and religious frontiers."

-Cardinal Francis Arinze, from the Preface



#### POINTS OF INTEREST

- Leaders from the thriving Church in Africa speak out boldly and clearly about attitudes of Africans toward marriage and the family
- They carefully steer a wise and merciful pastoral course that engages genuine concerns and pastoral needs
- Serves as a real contribution to the forthcoming Synod and as a very helpful guide to Christ's teaching and the Church's tradition and pastoral practice concerning marriage and family life