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This is the theme that the Holy Father Francis has chosen for the 56th World Communications Day, which will be celebrated in 2022:

LISTEN!

After the Message of 2021, centered on going and seeing, in his new Message for the 2022 World Day, Pope Francis asks the world of communication to relearn to listen.

The pandemic has struck and hurt everyone, and everyone needs to be heard and comforted. Listening is also essential for good information. The search for truth begins with listening. And so too is testimony through the means of social communication. Every dialogue, every relationship begins with listening. For this reason, in order to grow, even professionally, as communicators, it is necessary to relearn how to listen a lot.

Jesus himself asks us to pay attention to how we listen (cf. LK 8:18). To be able truly to listen it takes courage, it takes a free and open heart, without prejudices.

In this time in which the whole Church is invited to listen in order to learn to be a synodal Church, we are all invited to rediscover listening as essential for good communication.

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