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Amazon synod to focus on climate change, not married priests, Peruvian cardinal says

VATICAN CITY – The issue of married priests is something for the universal Catholic Church to discuss and is not the focus of the upcoming Synod of Bishops for the Amazon, said Peruvian Cardinal Pedro Barreto Jimeno of Huancayo.

Cardinal Barreto told *Catholic News Service* Feb. 26 that reducing the synod to a debate on ordaining married men of "proven virtue" – the so-called "viri probati" – distracts from "the socio-environmental problems of the Amazonian region." (...)

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