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Index of stories from Synod of Bishops on the Middle East

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For the past two weeks, John Allen has been in Rome covering the Synod of Bishops for the Middle East. Allen filed a range of stories in his time at the Synod, from describing the intricacies of ecumenical dialog to following the dangers of being a Christian in some of the most volatile areas of the world. You can find all of Allen's stories from the synod here.

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