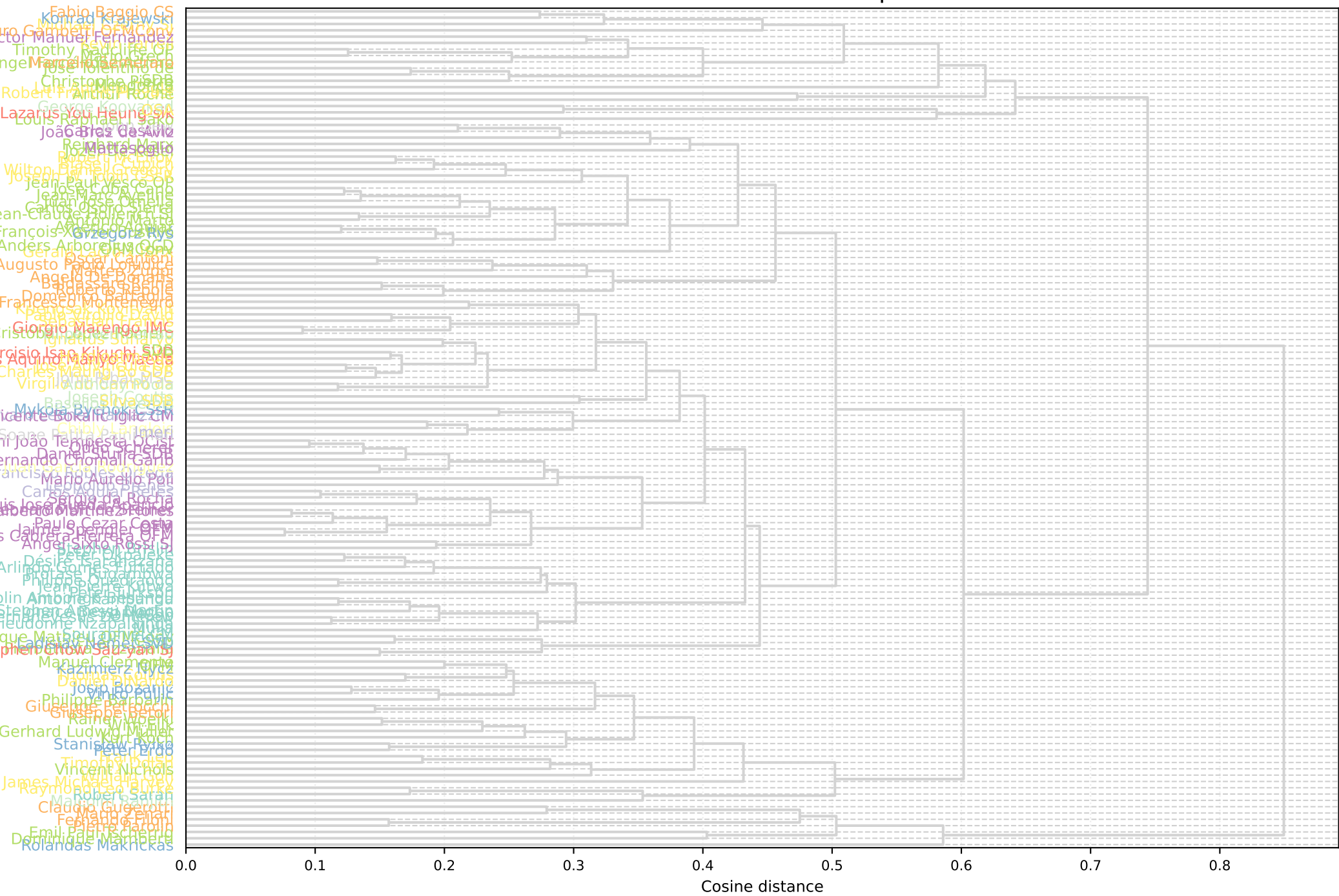
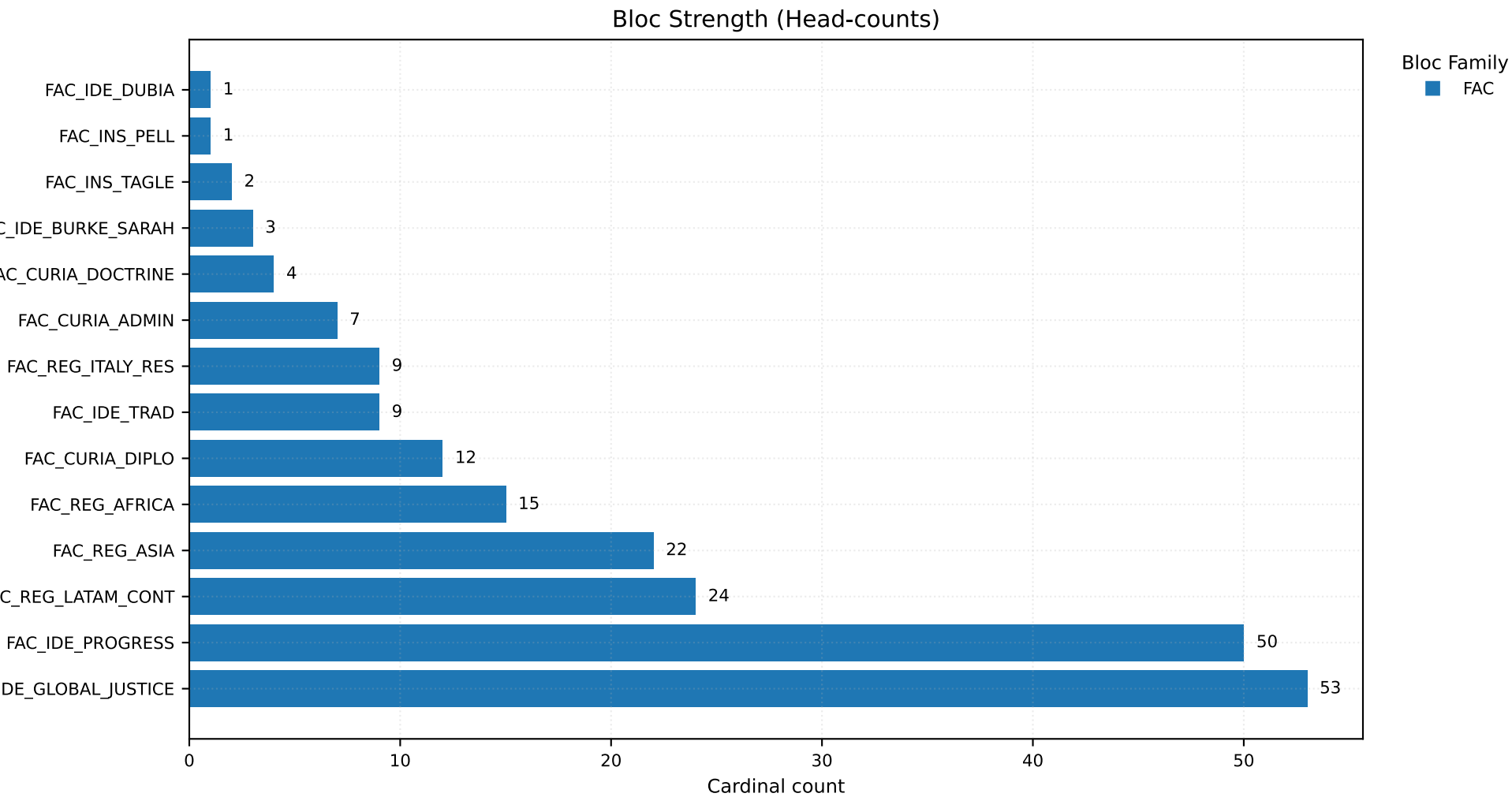
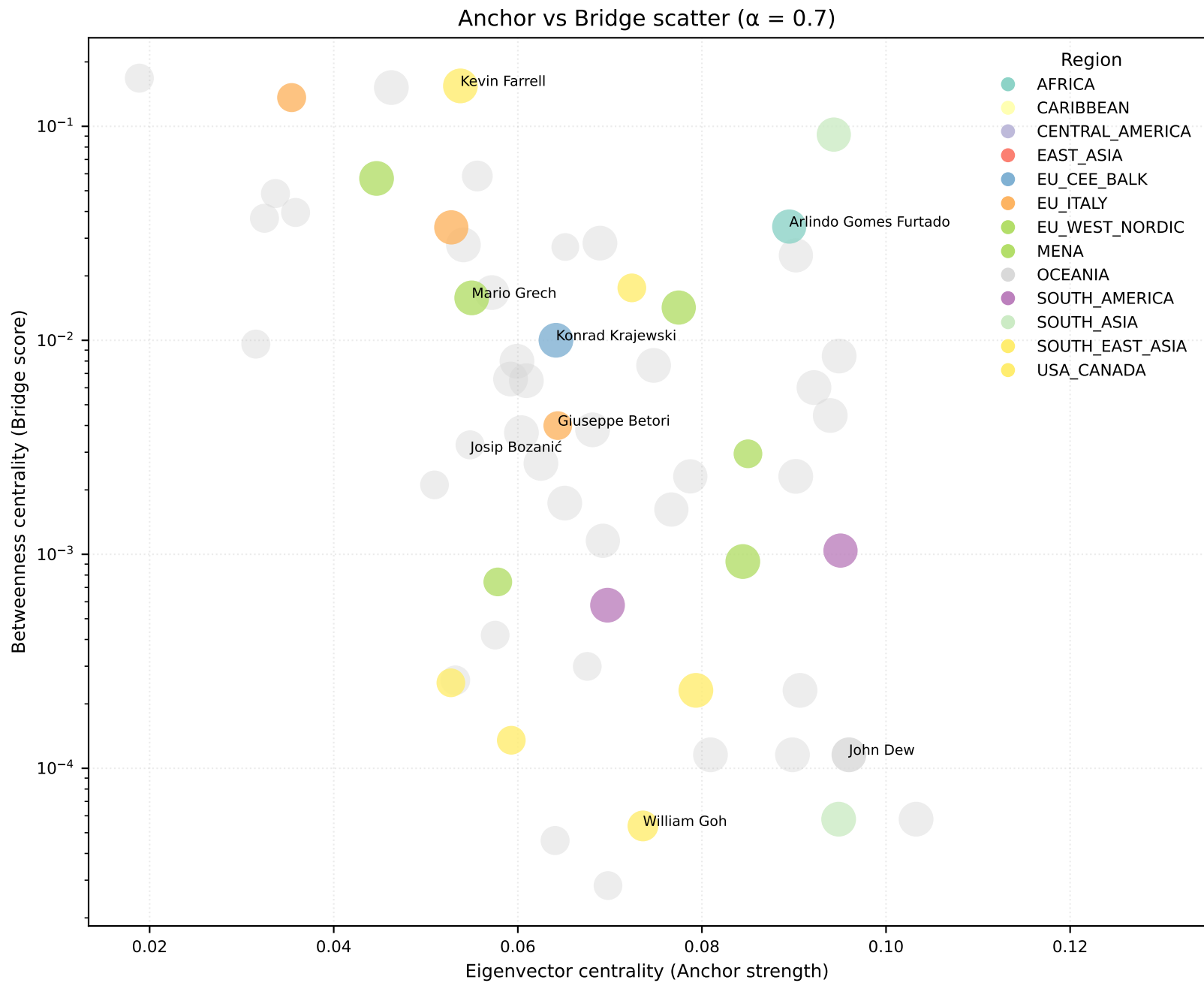


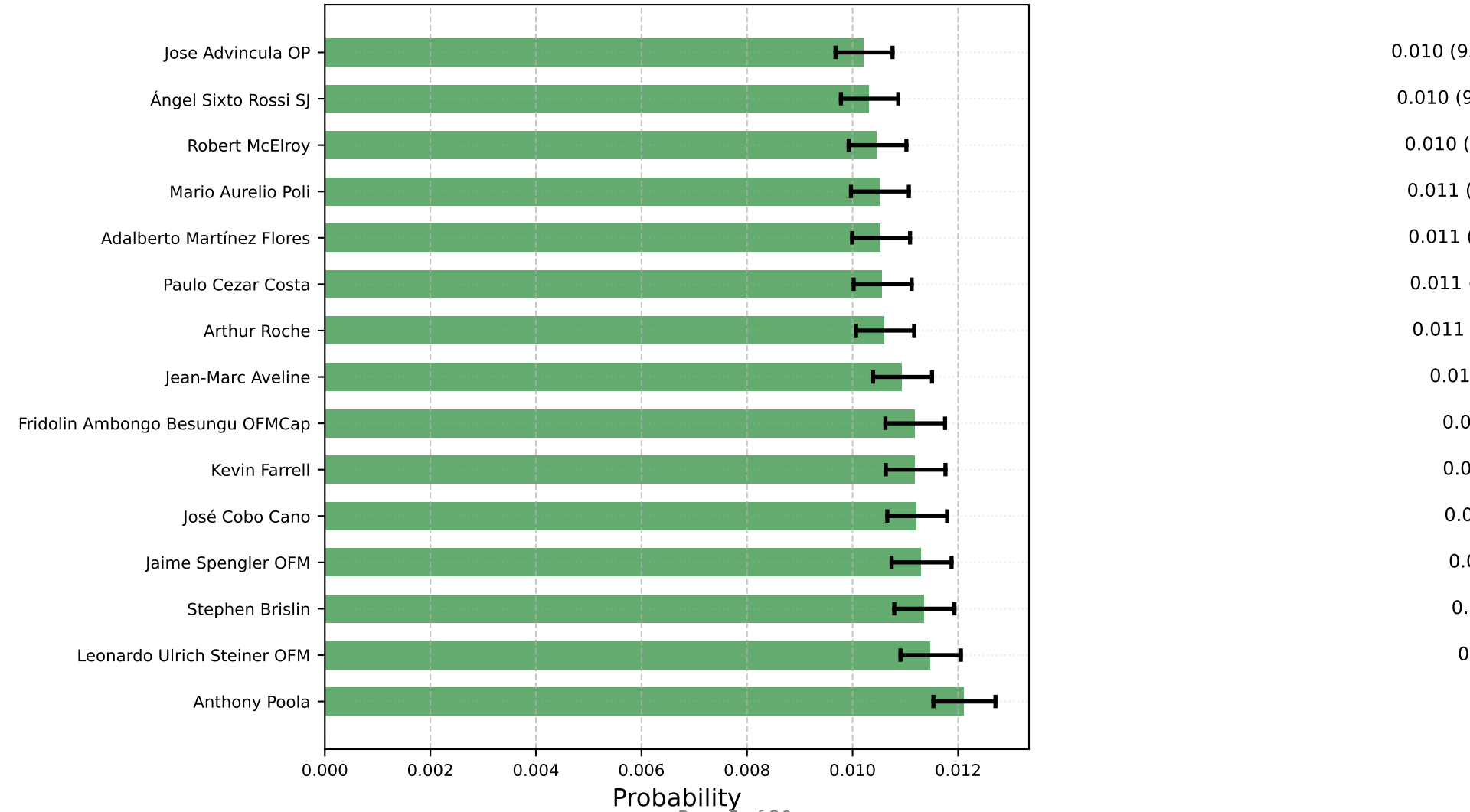
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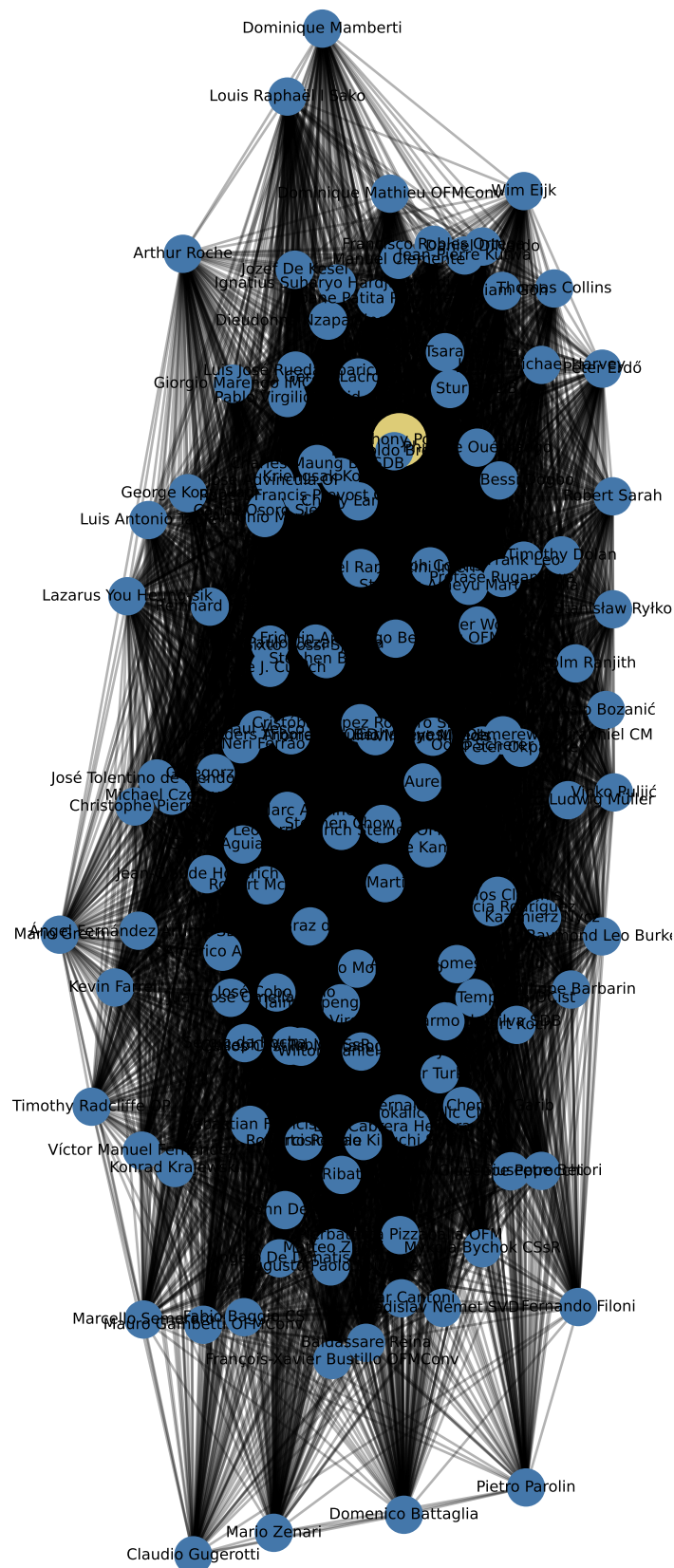




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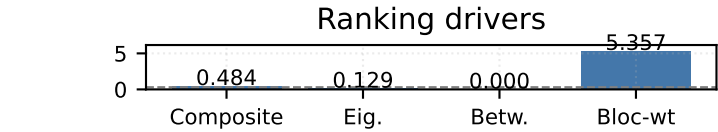


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Leonardo Ulrich Steiner OFM

Composite score rank #2 (score 0.484)



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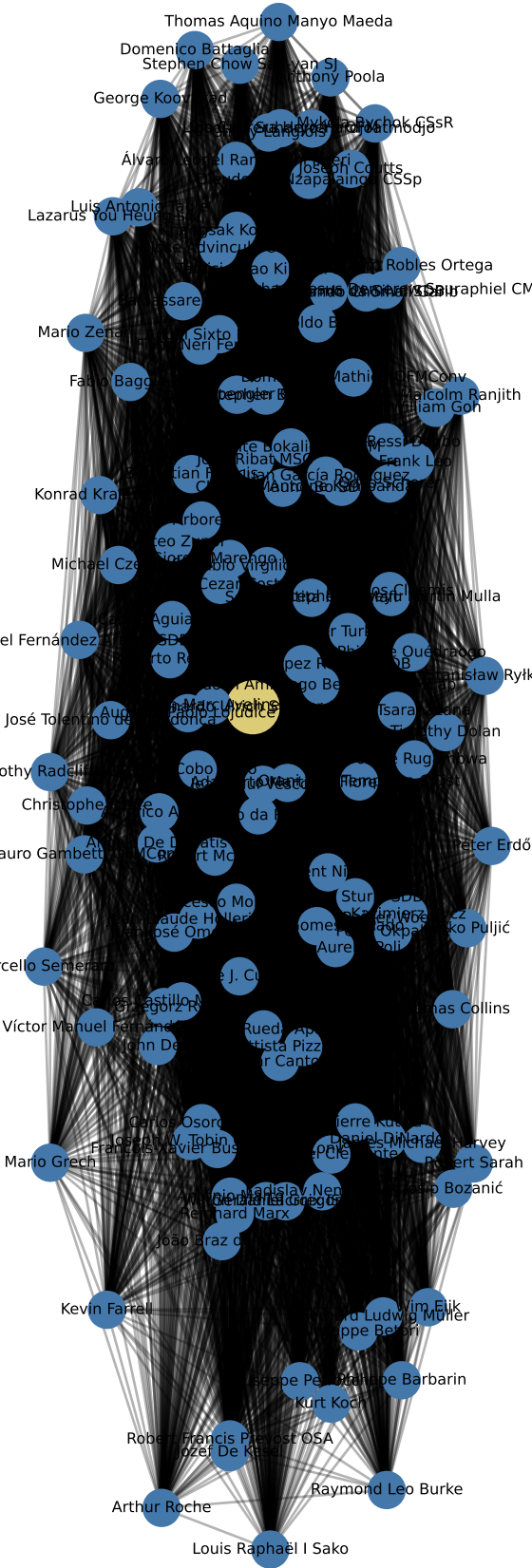
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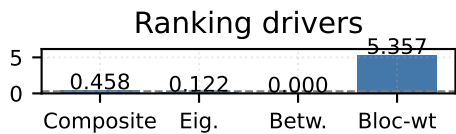
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Cardinal Leonardo Ulrich Steiner, a Franciscan and leading Amazon prelate, frames evangelization around ecology, indigenous cultures and social justice. As synod father and later archbishop of Manaus, he pushed for stronger local decision-making, married priests and study of women’s diaconate, reflecting a synodal-maximalist bent. His rhetoric echoes Pope Francis’ ‘integral ecology’ and preferential option for the poor, while signalling openness to selected doctrinal developments rather than rigid continuity. The cardinal is thus placed in the Church’s progressive, socially engaged current.

Fridolin Ambongo Besungu OFMCap

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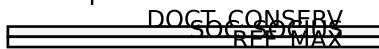
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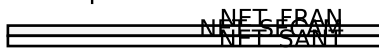
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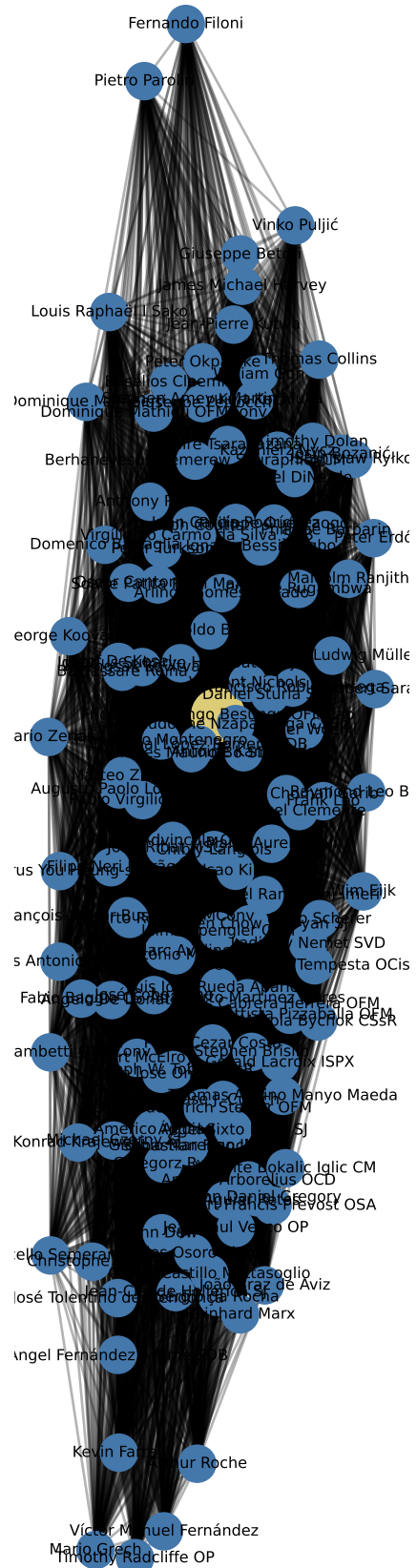
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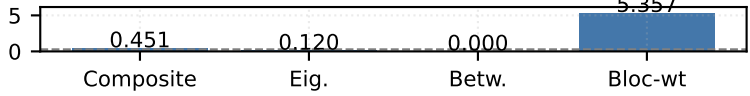


Cardinal Ambongo pairs a firm adherence to traditional Catholic moral teaching with a pronounced social-justice orientation. As SECAM president he firmly ruled out the implementation of same-sex couple blessings in Africa, signalling a conservative stance on contested bio-ethical issues. Yet he is equally vocal on structural poverty, ecological degradation of the Congo Basin and the rights of marginalised communities, echoing Pope Francis’ ‘Laudato si’ and Fratelli tutti agendas. In synodal debates he

Jean-Marc Aveline

Composite score rank #4 (score 0.451)

Ranking drivers



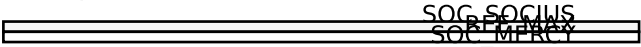
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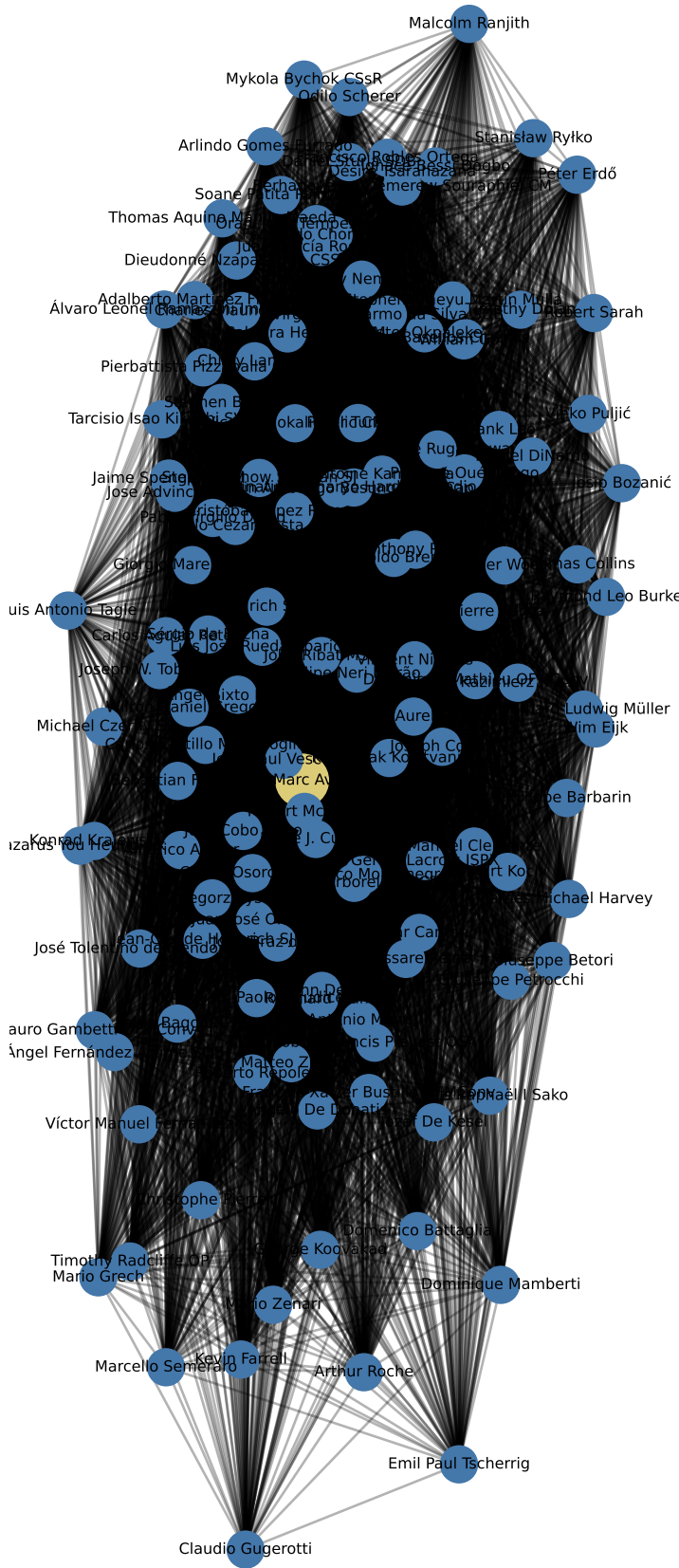
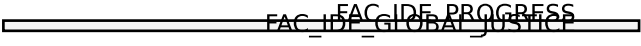
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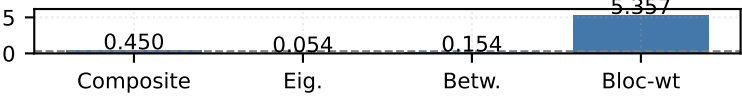


Cardinal Aveline is widely identified with Pope Francis’ Mediterranean and migrant-focused agenda. He consistently links the Gospel to hospitality for refugees, ecological stewardship and the fight against social exclusion. At the governance level he is an enthusiastic promoter of the synodal process, stressing the need for listening, lay participation and greater room for local churches to act. His preaching also adopts the ‘field-hospital’ language of merciful accompaniment, placing pastoral welcome ahead of culture-war confrontation.

Kevin Farrell

Composite score rank #5 (score 0.450)

Ranking drivers



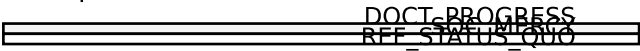
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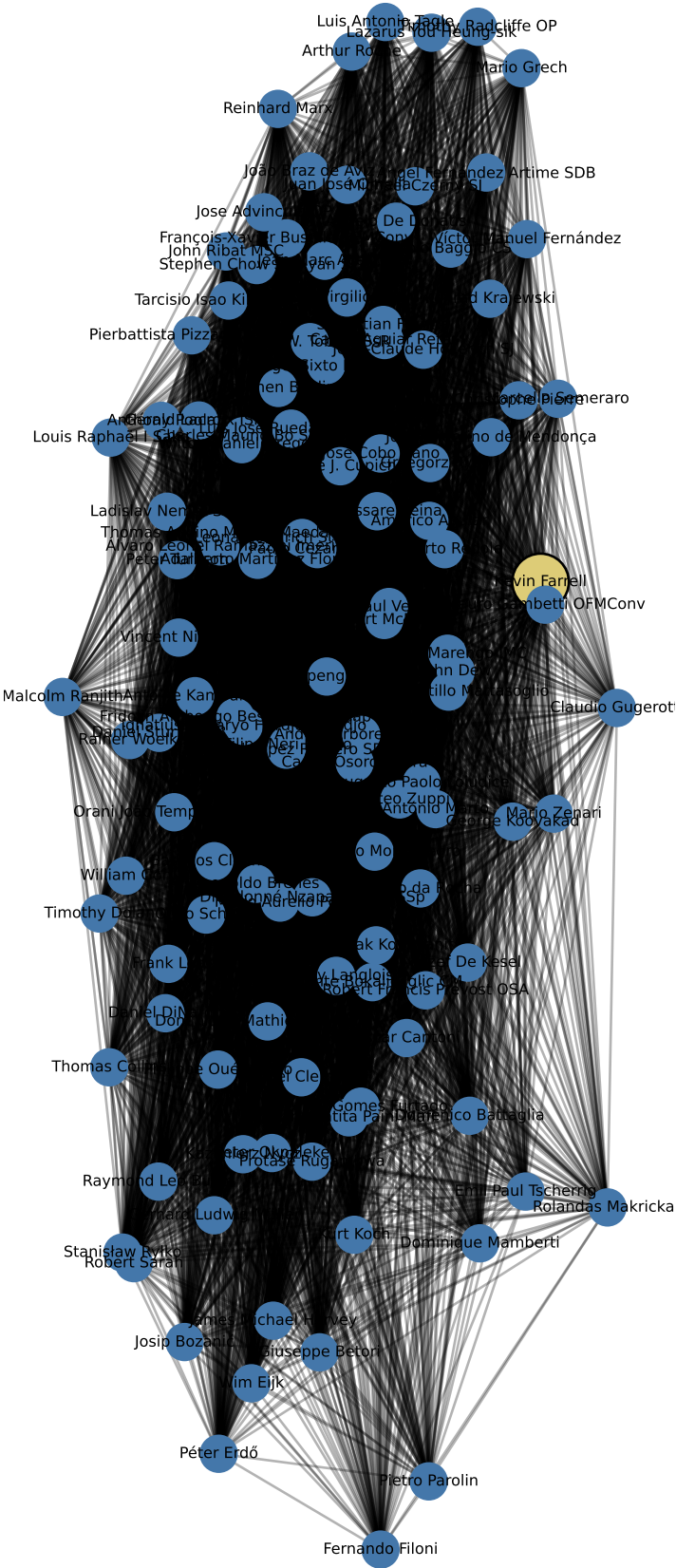
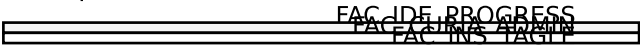
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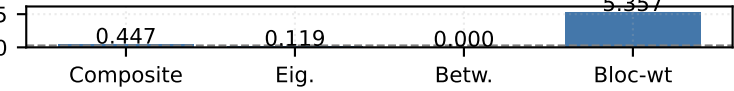


As prefect for the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, Cardinal Farrell consistently defends the pastoral direction of Amoris Laetitia, urging openness toward remarried couples and respectful accompaniment of LGBT persons. His language highlights mercy, closeness and a “field-hospital” Church that welcomes all. While friendly to synodal consultation, he has also insisted that local bishops remain aligned with Rome, signalling preference for incremental, centrally coordinated reform rather than far-reaching decentralisation.

Jaime Spengler OFM

composite score rank #6 (score 0.447)

Ranking drivers



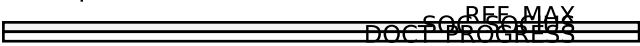
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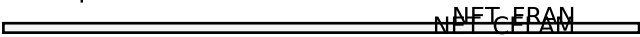
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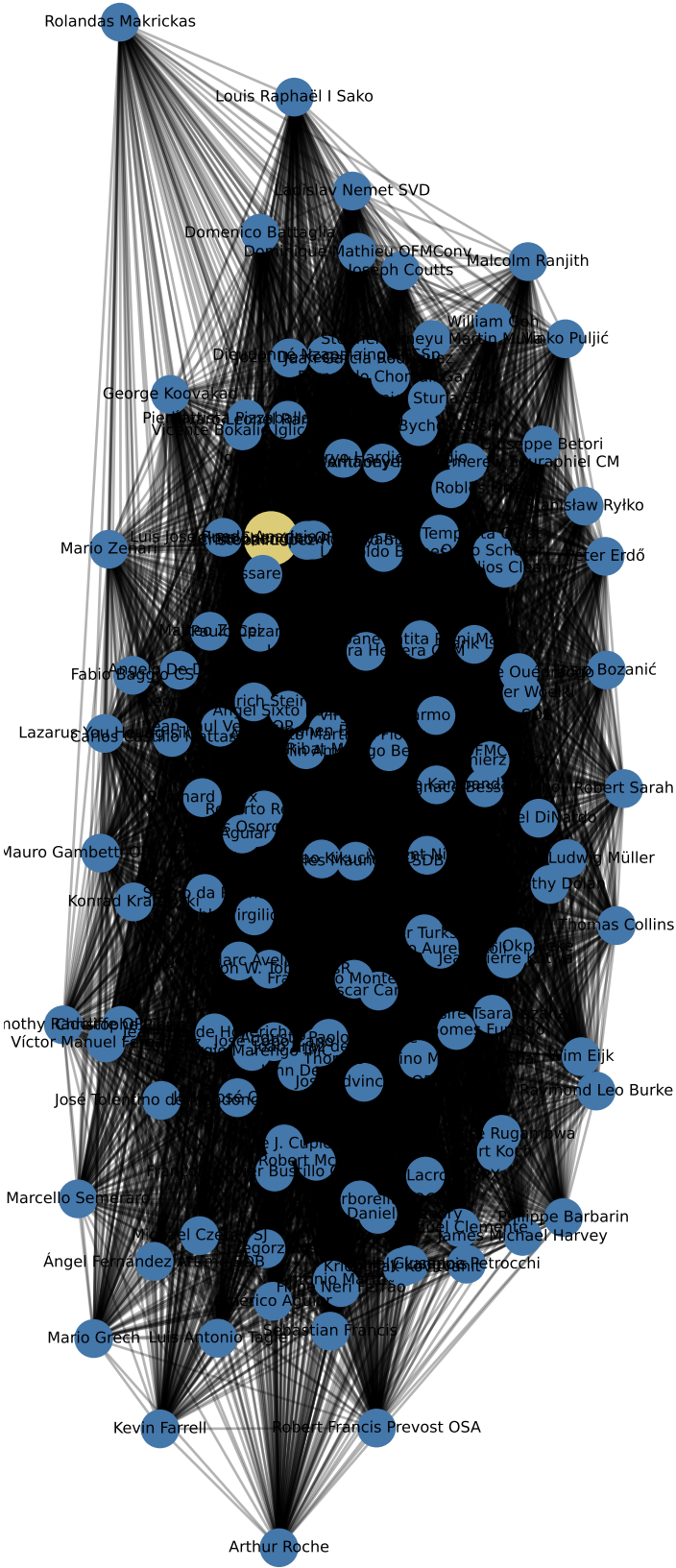
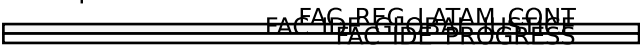
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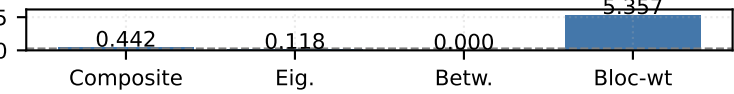


Cardinal Jaime Spengler, a Brazilian Franciscan and current president of the bishops’ conference, consistently highlights “walking together” as the Church’s future, urging greater listening and decision-sharing with laity and regional bodies. A veteran of the Amazon Synod, he stresses care for creation, indigenous rights and poverty alleviation, placing social and ecological justice at the centre of his ministry. While largely aligned with Pope Francis on moral issues, he shows cautious openness to limited priestly and ministerial reforms, marking him as a moderately progressive voice within the Latin-American episcopate.

Stephen Brislin

Composite score rank # 7 (score 0.442)

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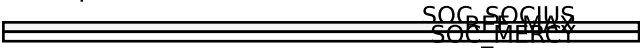
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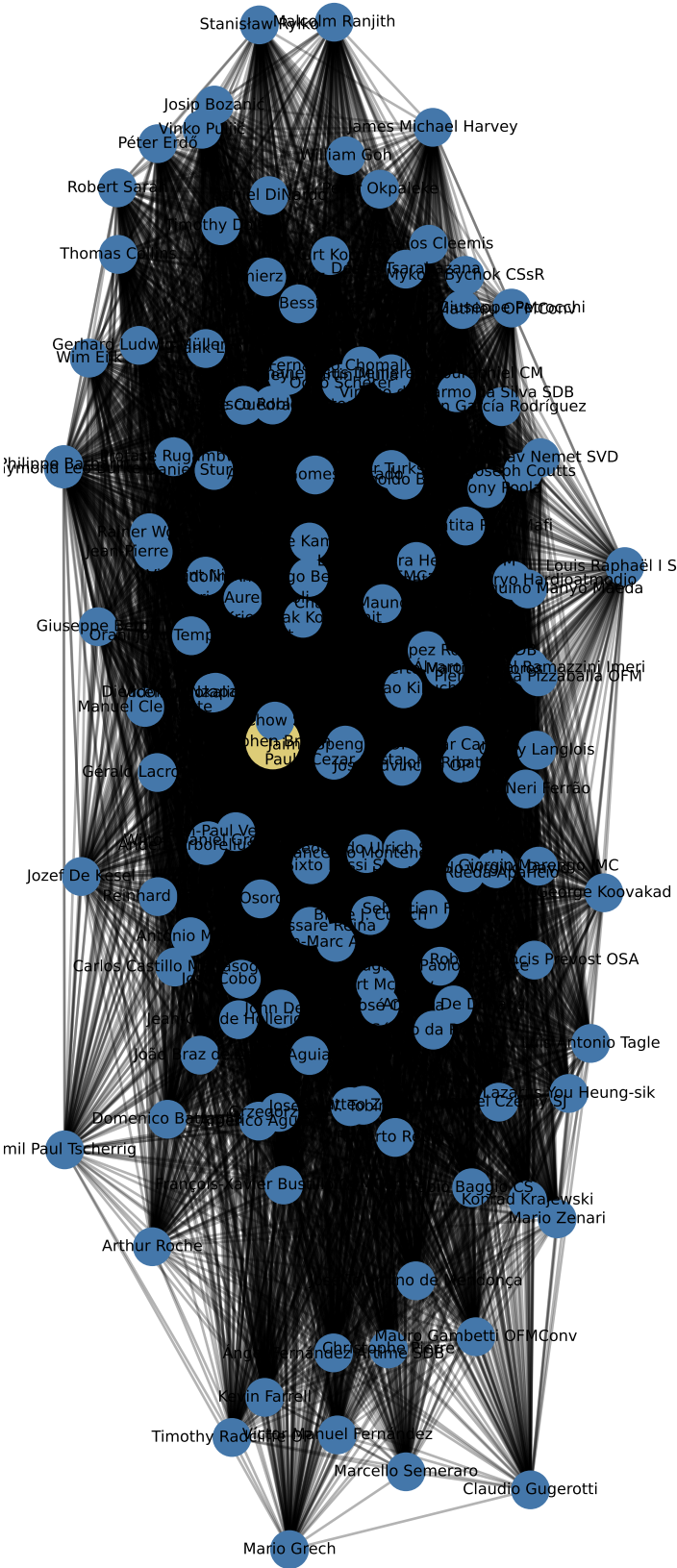
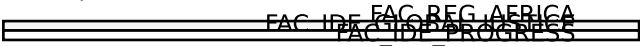
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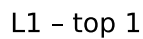
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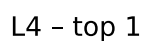
Cardinal Brislin is widely viewed as a socially engaged prelate. He foregrounds structural poverty, ecological responsibility and equitable land reform in South Africa, echoing Pope Francis’ priority for an integral social-justice agenda. At the 2023 Synod sessions he championed robust lay involvement and episcopal conference discernment, reflecting a decentralising, synodal-maximalist outlook. His pastoral rhetoric stresses welcome and accompaniment, explicitly naming those who feel marginalised, including LGBT persons, yet without pushing specific doctrinal changes. Overall he sits in the Church’s reform-minded, justice-oriented middle ground.

Composite score rank #8 (score 0.440)

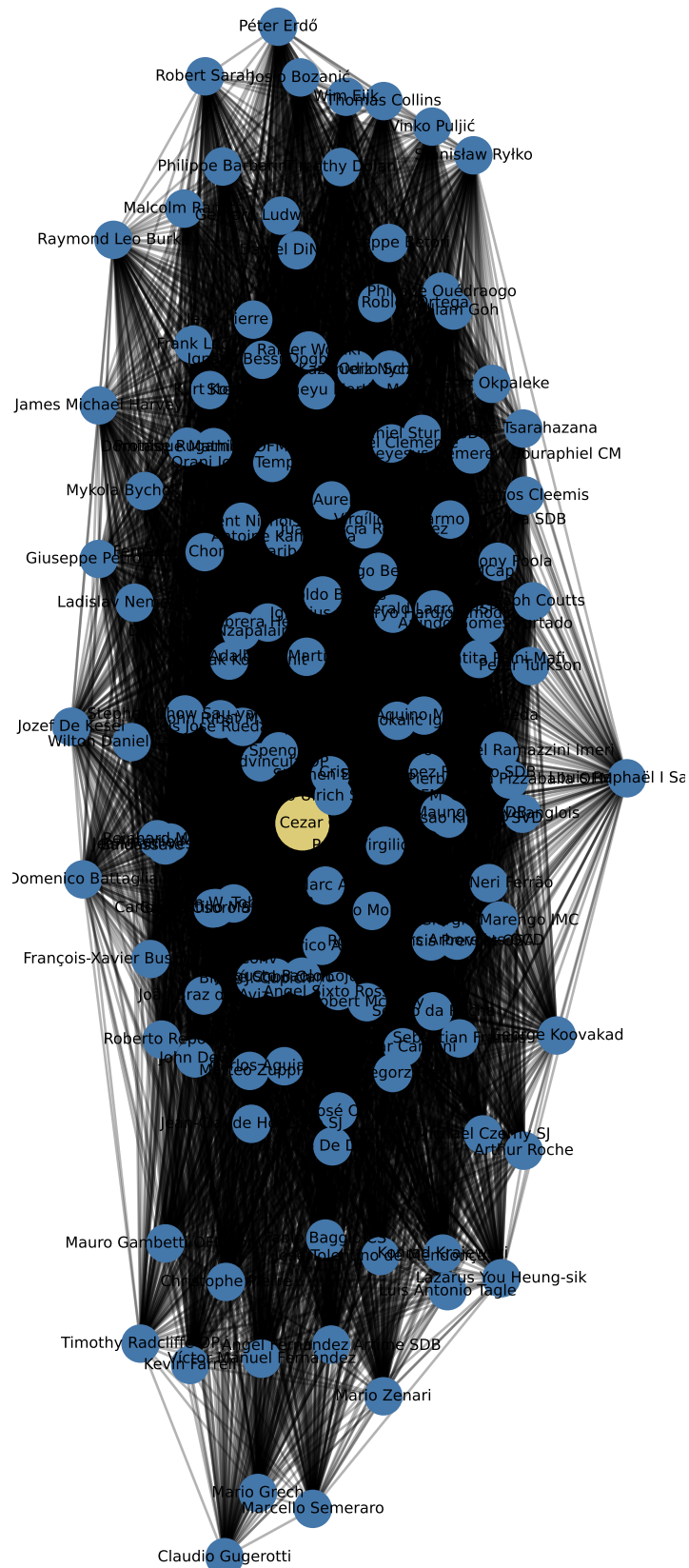


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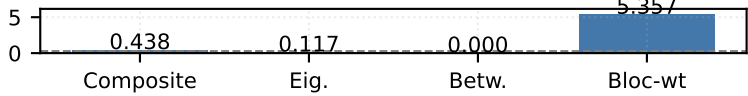


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José Cobo Cano

Composite score rank #9 (score 0.438)

Ranking drivers



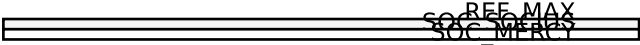
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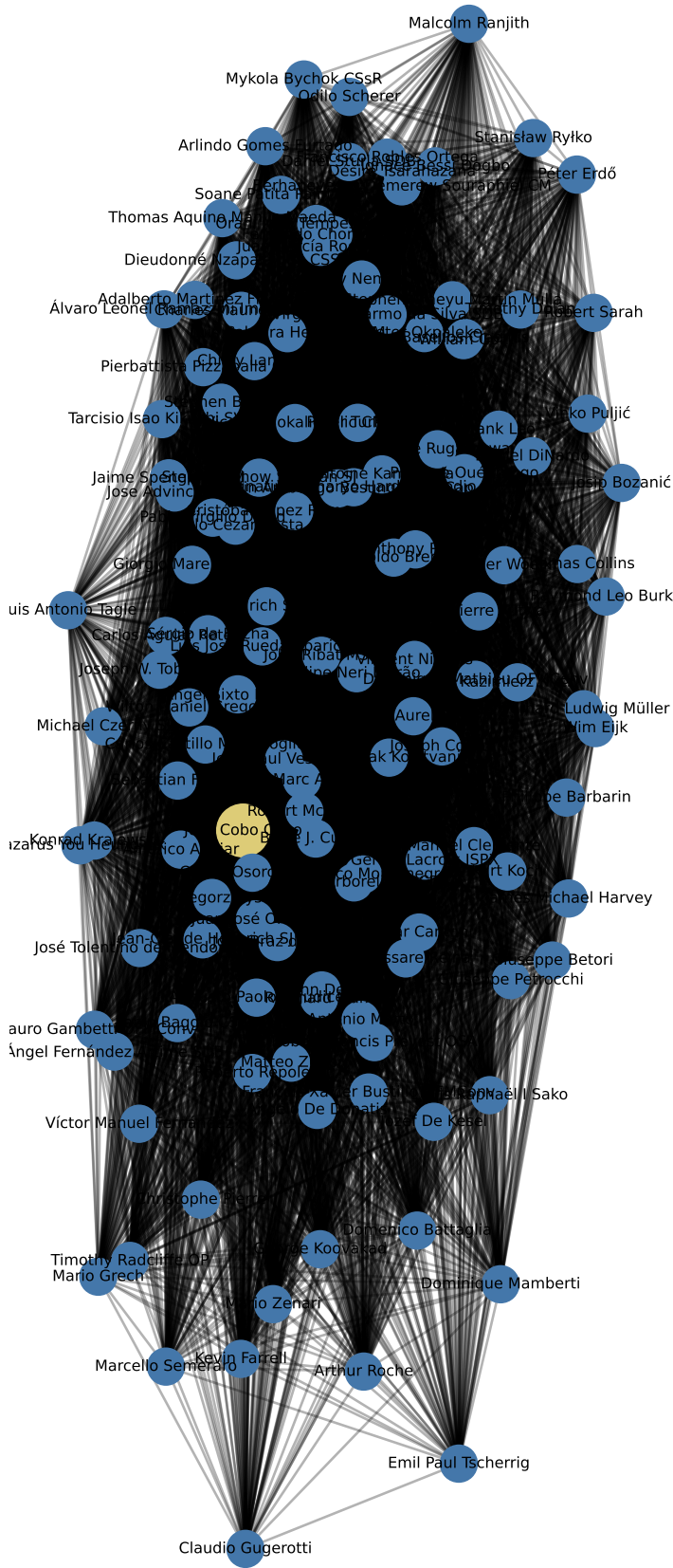


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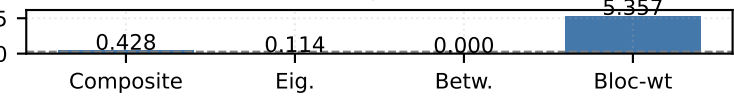


Cardinal José Cobo Cano is viewed as one of the more pastorally progressive Spanish prelates. He repeatedly champions Pope Francis’ synodal reform, urging genuine co-responsibility and decision-making roles for lay men and women. Socially, he foregrounds migration, inequality and ecological urgency, calling for structural change in defence of the vulnerable. His preaching deploys “field-hospital” language of welcome and accompaniment, stressing that no group should feel excluded from the Church. Together these positions place him in the synodal-maximalist, social-justice and mercy-pastoral currents.

Angel Sixto Rossi SJ

Composite score rank #10 (score 0.428)

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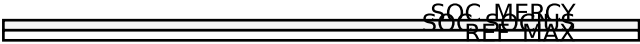
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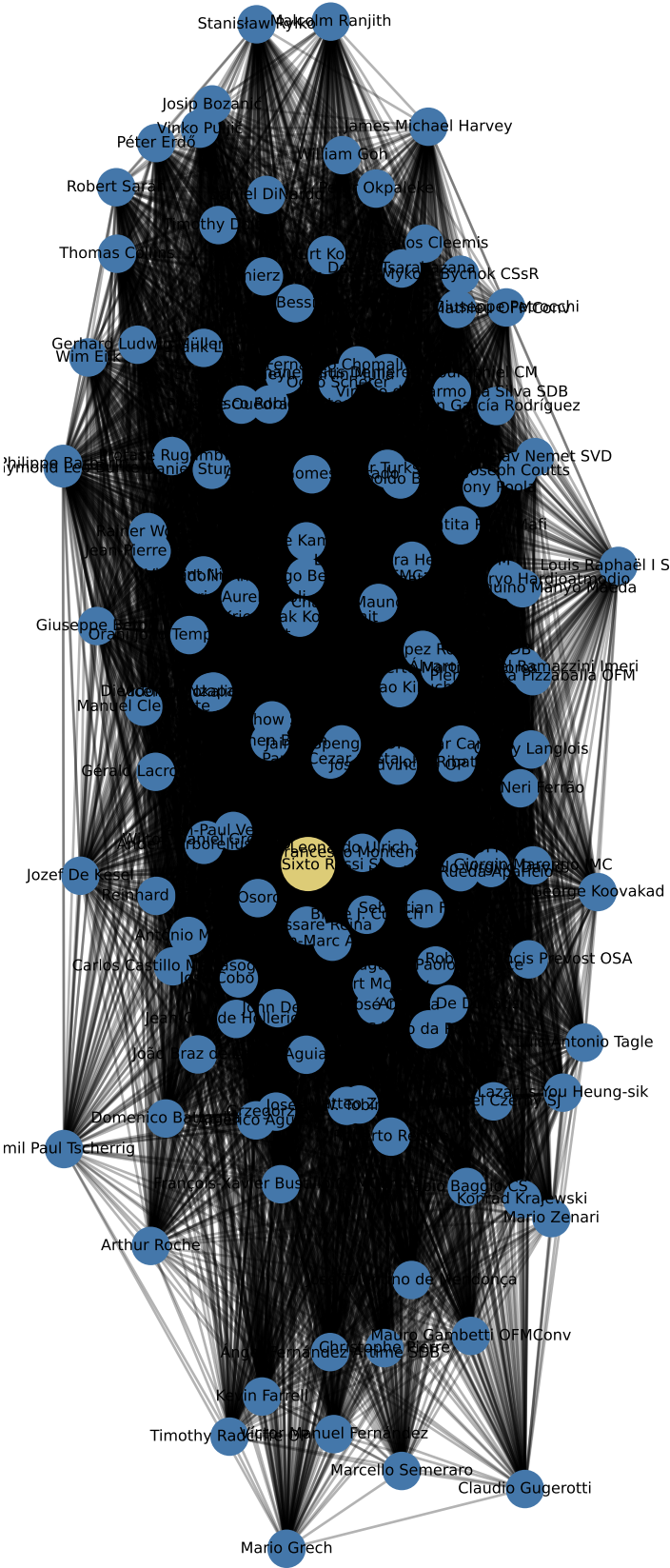
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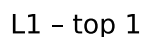


Archbishop Ángel Rossi, a Jesuit shaped by street ministry, frames the Church as a “field hospital” that must first heal wounds and accompany every person. His homilies and interviews repeatedly stress mercy and closeness to those in material or spiritual poverty, while diocesan programmes channel significant energy into social-justice outreach in Córdoba’s villas and migrant communities. Rossi also champions Pope Francis’ synodal style, organising extensive local listening sessions and urging shared discernment, though without publicly lobbying for doctrinal overhauls.

Composite score rank #11 (score 0.420)

Cardinal Robert McElroy, a key U.S. voice aligned with Pope Francis, consistently argues for a “radically inclusive” Church. He champions the full pastoral welcome of LGBTQ Catholics and the divorced-remarried, supports exploring a women’s diaconate and a fresh reading of **Humanae Vitae**, and has publicly criticized culture-war Communion bans. His homilies and writings stress mercy over judgment while linking Gospel witness to migrant protection, climate action and economic equity. Overall, he occupies the progressive, mercy-oriented social-justice wing of today’s Catholic hierarchy.

Composite score rank #12 (score 0.417)



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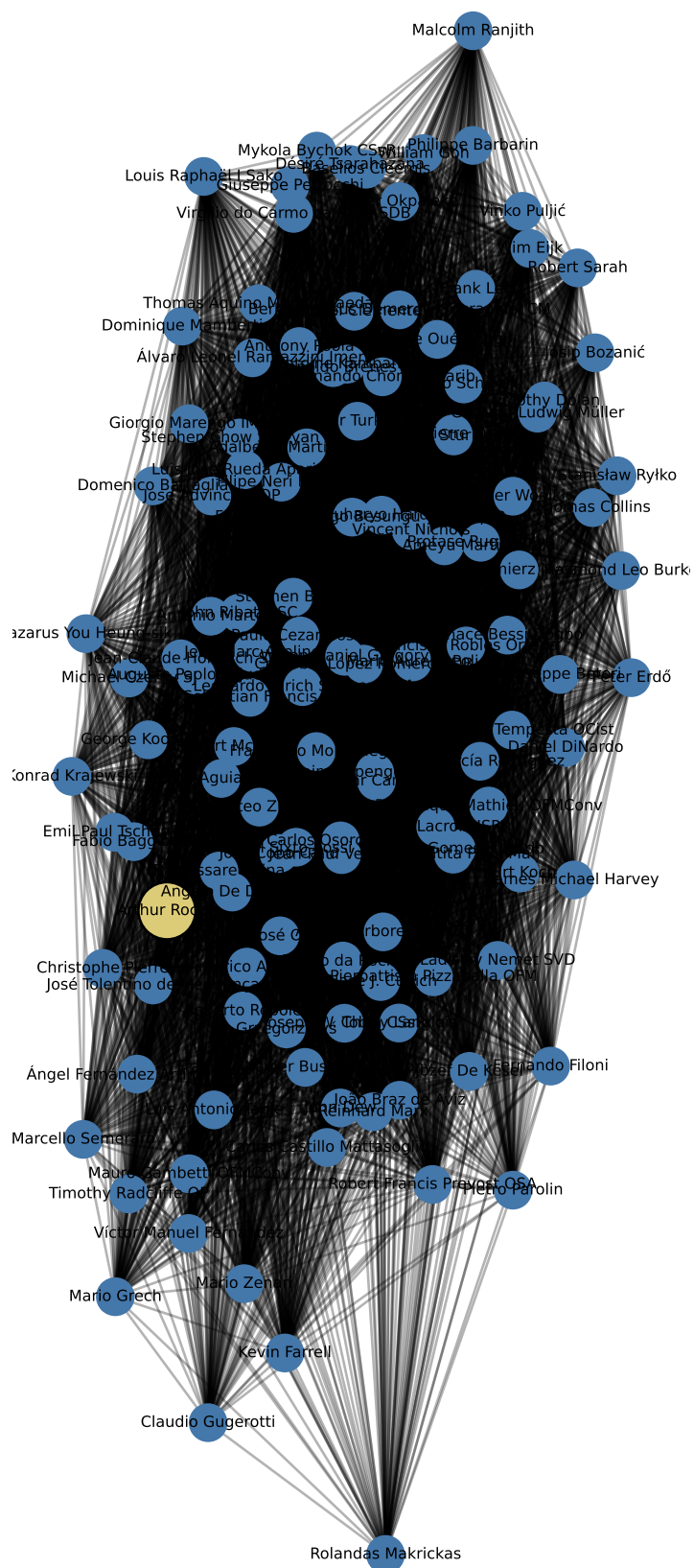
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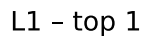
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FAC IDE PROGRESS



As prefect in charge of global liturgical policy, Cardinal Roche consistently underscores obedience to the Holy See and tight curial supervision of worship norms, arguing that individual bishops or groups may not bypass Vatican directives. His defence of the post-conciliar Mass and resistance to unauthorised adaptations typify a preference for centralized, incremental governance rather than broad synodal experimentation. While he seldom ventures into contested moral debates, his rhetoric affirms continuity with established doctrine, giving him a moderately conservative profile alongside his clear status-quo institutional stance.

Composite score rank #13 (score 0.414)



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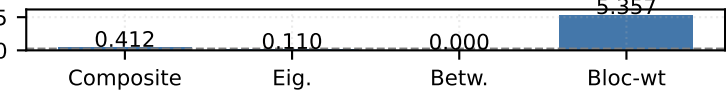
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Cardinal Aguiar Retes aligns closely with Pope Francis' outward-looking agenda. As former CELAM president he foregrounds migrants, urban poverty and ecological justice, arguing that evangelisation must begin with concrete social change. He is an energetic promoter of the continental synodal process, publicly urging that episcopal conferences and lay delegates receive greater deliberative weight. Pastoral writings on *Amaris Laetitia* stress accompaniment over ~~penance, reflecting~~ a 'field-hospital' tone rather than strict moral policing. Overall, he embodies a socially-engaged, synodal-maximalist outlook.

Francesco Montenegro

Composite score rank #14 (score 0.412)

Ranking drivers



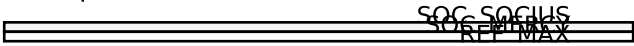
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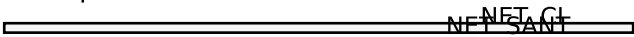
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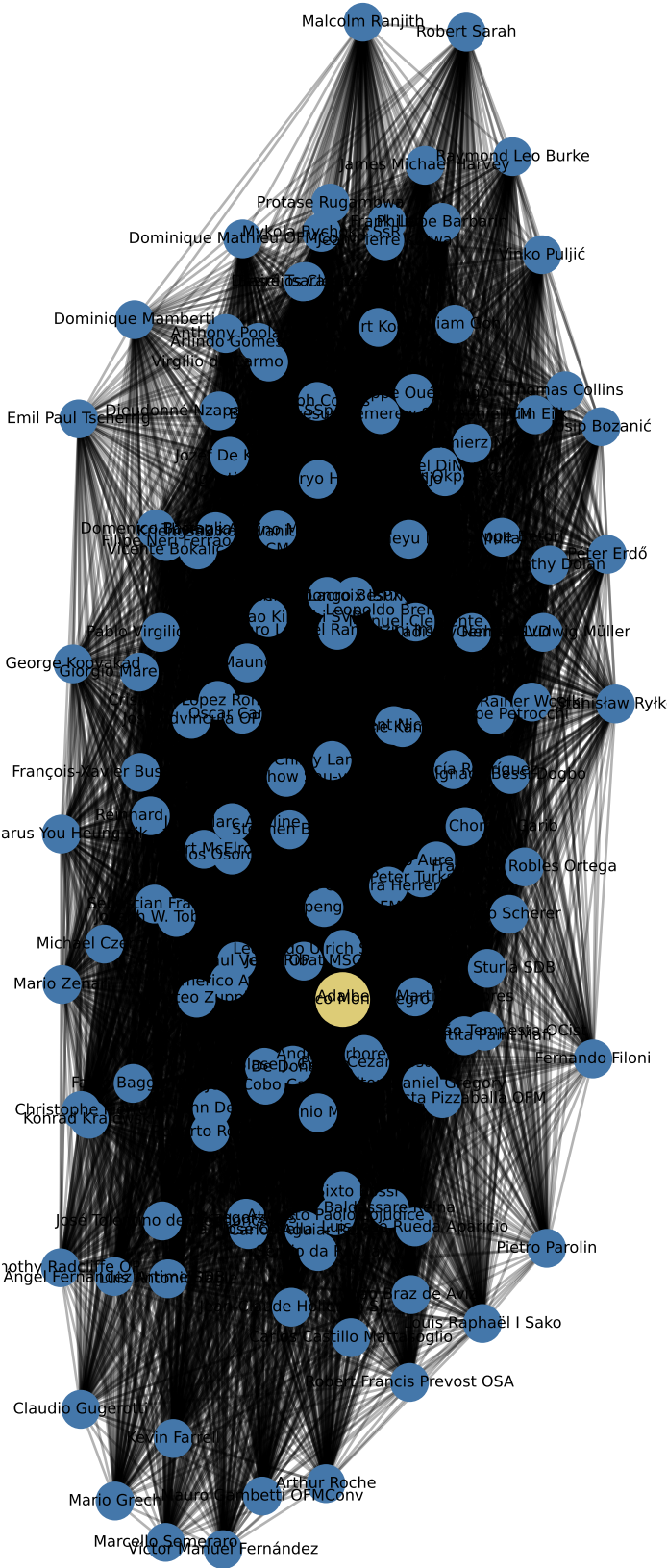
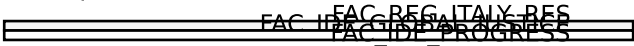
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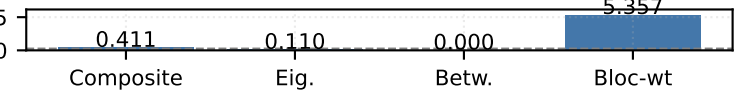


Cardinal Francesco Montenegro is best known for his tireless advocacy on behalf of migrants arriving at Lampedusa and for wider anti-poverty efforts through Caritas Italiana. His language mirrors Pope Francis’ social-justice priorities and repeatedly calls the Church to protect the ‘discarded’ of society. Pastoral speeches stress a “field-hospital” Church that welcomes first and judges later, underscoring a mercy-first approach. While doctrinally uncontroversial, he voices enthusiasm for the synodal process, urging broader listening to laity and peripheries—placing him in the reform-minded, social-justice current of the Italian episcopate.

Blase J. Cupich

Composite score rank #15 (score 0.411)

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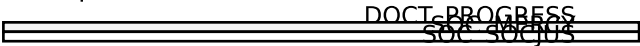
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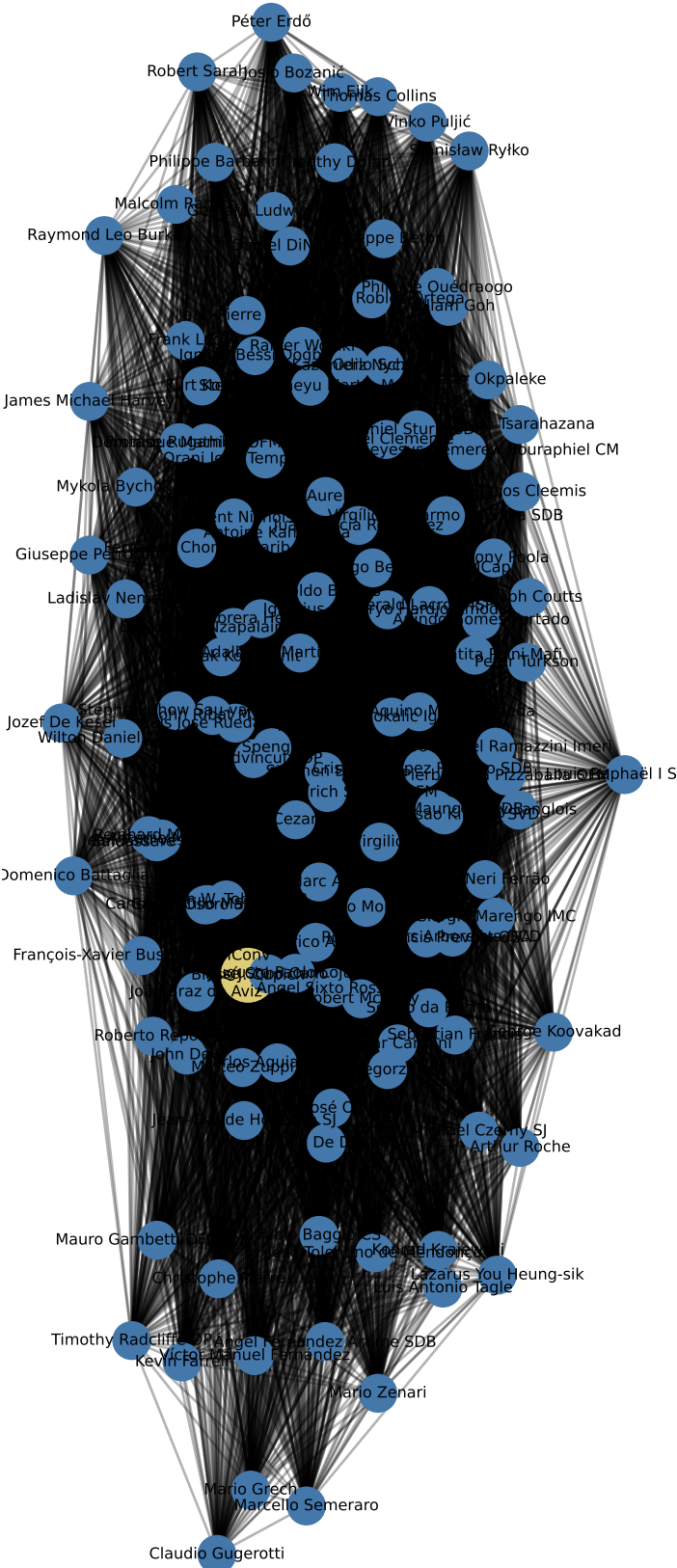


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FAC_IDE_PROGRESS



Cardinal Blase Cupich stands among the leading U.S. advocates of Pope Francis’ inclusive pastoral vision. He publicly welcomed the Vatican’s permission for non-liturgical blessings of same-sex couples and earlier issued Chicago norms implementing Amoris Laetitia that open Eucharistic access to some remarried Catholics—signals of a progressive doctrinal temperament. His rhetoric consistently stresses accompaniment, urging ministers to meet people “where they are” rather than police boundaries. Beyond church life, he highlights social concerns such as gun violence, immigration and economic inequality, aligning him with forward-leaning social-justice priorities.