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New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Jesuit Fr. James Martin, editor at large of America magazine, share a laugh during a break at the assembly of the Synod of Bishops in the Vatican's Paul VI Audience Hall Oct. 11. (CNS/Vatican Media)



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