



DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

Department of Evangelization and Catechesis

Dear Young Adults,

We are living in a very exciting moment for the young people of the Church.

I am reaching out to you because your opinion is very important and I would like to have your input in a matter that concerns us as Young Adults of the Catholic Church. I ask that you assist me by filling out a simple questionnaire that will be sent to the Vatican. The questionnaire can be found at the following link:

https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/synod_questionnaire_for_young_adults

In October 2018 a Synod of Bishops will take place to treat the topic: ***“Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment”***. In the Synod’s announcing letter from the Pope he reminds us of the words which God spoke to Abraham: “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.” (Gen 12:1). These words are now addressed to us, the young people of the Church. They are words of a father who invites us to “go”, to set out towards a future which is unknown but which will surely lead to fulfillment, a future towards which He himself accompanies us. The Pope invites us to hear God’s voice resounding in our hearts through the breath of the Holy Spirit.

He also reminds us of the words that Jesus once said to the disciples who asked Him: “Teacher, where are you staying?” He replied, “Come and see” (Jn 1:38). Jesus looks at us and invites us to go with Him. Have you heard His voice in your heart? Have you felt an urge to undertake this journey?

In Krakow, at the opening of the last World Youth Day, the Pope asked us several times: “Can we change things?” And we shouted: “yes!” That shout came from our young and youthful hearts, which should not tolerate injustice nor bow down to a “throw-away-culture” or give in to the globalization of indifference.

A better world can be built as a result of our efforts, our desire to change and our generosity.

That is why I am sending you this questionnaire. Your input is very important in order to prepare a final executive summary for our Bishop to present to the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops in the Vatican.

I invite you to take a time to pray to the Holy Spirit before filling out the questionnaire:

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The deadline to return your answers to us is **July 15th, 2017**.

For any questions regarding the upcoming Synod of Bishops, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ,

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