

Pope Francis is convening a Synod at the Vatican in October 2018:

### **Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment**

...the Church seeking to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognize and accept the call to the fullness of life and love, and to **ask young people to help her in identifying the most effective ways to announce the Good News today.**

By listening to young people, the Church will once again hear the Lord speaking in today's world. As in the days of Samuel (cf. 1 *Sam* 3:1-21) and Jeremiah (cf. *Jer* 1:4-10) young people know how to discern the signs of our times, indicated by the Spirit. Listening to their aspirations, the Church can glimpse the world which lies ahead and the paths the Church is called to follow.

To involve young people in preparations for the October 2018 Synod of Bishops, the Vatican has released **an online questionnaire** to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of 16- to 29- year olds around the world. **The questionnaire – and the letter from Pope Francis – can be found on the Synod's official site:**

**[youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html](http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html)**

The questionnaire is open to any young person ages 16 - 29. The answers to the questionnaire, along with contributions from bishops, bishops' conferences and other church bodies, will provide the basis the drafting the *instrumentum laboris* – the working document for the Synod assembly.

Perhaps you know a young person between the ages of 16 and 29?

Perhaps you'll encourage them to participate?