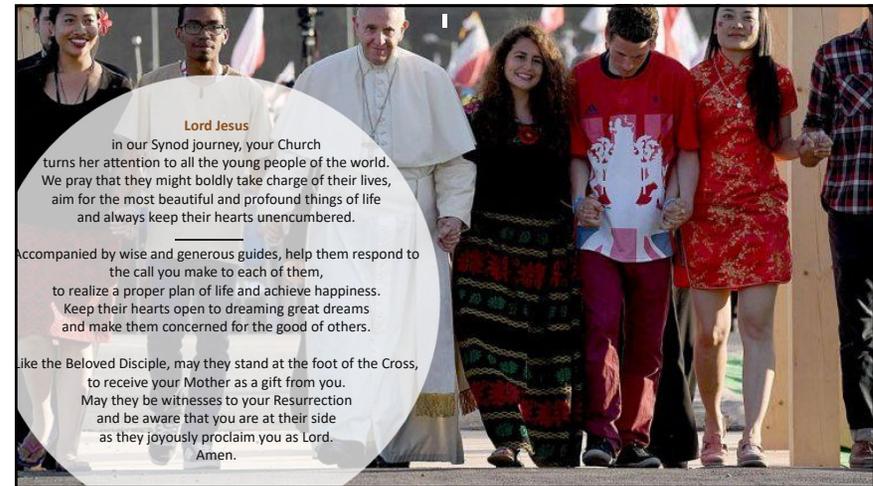




XV ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS
Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment

Implementing Synodality: Unpacking the Universal Church's Recent Work on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment"

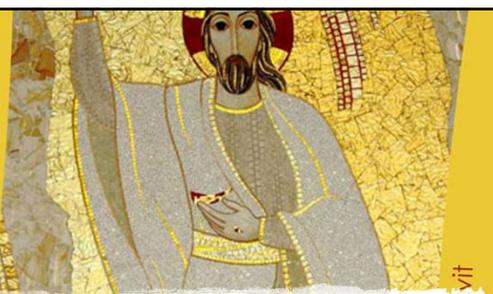
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Lord Jesus
 in our Synod journey, your Church turns her attention to all the young people of the world. We pray that they might boldly take charge of their lives, aim for the most beautiful and profound things of life and always keep their hearts unencumbered.

Accompanied by wise and generous guides, help them respond to the call you make to each of them, to realize a proper plan of life and achieve happiness. Keep their hearts open to dreaming great dreams and make them concerned for the good of others.

Like the Beloved Disciple, may they stand at the foot of the Cross, to receive your Mother as a gift from you. May they be witnesses to your Resurrection and be aware that you are at their side as they joyously proclaim you as Lord.
 Amen.



Christ is alive!
 He is our hope,
 and in
 a wonderful way
 he brings youth
 to our world.

Session 1: An Emmaus Journey: From Pre-Synod to Exhortation

Hosts: Katie Prejean McGrady and Paul Jarzembowski
 Panelist: Yadira Vieyra Moderator: Michael Theisen

The Synod Journey
Preliminary Moments

- March 2013**
Pope Francis elected
- July 2013**
World Youth Day 2013 (Rio)
- October 2014 and 2015**
Synods on the Family (Rome)
- April 2016**
Amoris Laetitia published
- July 2016**
World Youth Day 2016 (Kraków)





The Synod Journey
Toward the Next Synod

October 2016
Pope Francis announces Synod

January 2017
Synod *Preparatory Document*

April 2017
WYD/Synod Prep Meeting (Rome)

June 2017
Global online survey launched

September 2017
Sociological Summit (Rome)



The Synod Journey
The Synodal Experience

March 2018
Pre-Synod Meeting (Rome), and
Pre-Synod *Final Document* released

May 2018
Instrumentum Laboris released

October 2018
XV Ordinary Synod of Bishops (Rome),
and Synod *Final Document* released

The Synod Journey
Christus Vivit and Beyond

January 2019
World Youth Day 2019 (Panamá)

March 2019
Pope Francis signs *Christus Vivit*

April 2019
Christus Vivit published

June 2019
Vatican Post-Synod Forum (Rome)

Beyond 2019
Implementation of *Christus Vivit*,
Encuentro, and *National Dialogue*



Christus Vivit
The Exhortation's Structure



Chapters 1-3: See | Observe

- **Foundations:** Jesus Christ, Scripture, Church, and Saints (Ch. 1-2)
- **Listening:** The Experiences and Realities of Young People (Ch. 3)

Chapters 4-6: Judge | Interpret

- **Response:** Pope Francis' Hopeful Response to Reality (Ch. 4)
- **Understanding:** Being Young and Intergenerational (Ch. 5-6)

Chapters 7-9: Act | Choose

- **Encounter:** Community for and Ministry with Young People (Ch. 7)
- **Accompaniment:** Vocational Discernment and Pathways (Ch. 8-9)



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The Exhortation's Audience



"With great affection, I address this Apostolic Exhortation to **all Christian young people**... since it is also part of a synodal process, I am also addressing this message to **the entire People of God**, pastors and faithful alike, since all of us are challenged and urged to reflect both on the young and for the young." (3)

"young people" and **"pastors and faithful alike"**

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The Exhortation's Foundation



"Let us draw upon some richness of the **Sacred Scriptures** since they often speak of young people and of how the Lord draws near to encounter them." (5)

"If you have lost your inner vitality, your dreams, your enthusiasm, your optimism, and your generosity, **Jesus stands before you** as once he stood before the dead son of the widow, and with all the power of his resurrection, he urges you: 'Young man, I say to you, arise!' (Lk. 7:14) (20)

"Every young person who feels **called to a mission** in this world is invited to hear the Father speaking those same words within his or her heart: 'You are my beloved child.'" (25)

"**Jesus** does not teach you, young people, from afar or from without, but from within your very youth, a youth he shares with you. It is very important for you to contemplate the young Jesus as presented in the Gospels, for he was truly one of you, and shares many of the features of your young hearts. (31)

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"In Jesus, all the **young can see themselves**." (31)

"**Jesus** is risen, and he wants to make us sharers in the new life of the resurrection. He is the true youthfulness of a world grown old, the youthfulness of a universe waiting..." (32)

"...**the Church** is the real youth of the world.' In her, it is always possible to encounter Christ 'the companion and friend of youth.'" (34)

"The heart of the Church is also full of **young saints** who devoted their lives to Christ... They were precious reflections of the young Christ; their radiant witness encourages us and awakens us from our lethargy." (49)

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The Exhortation's Centerpiece



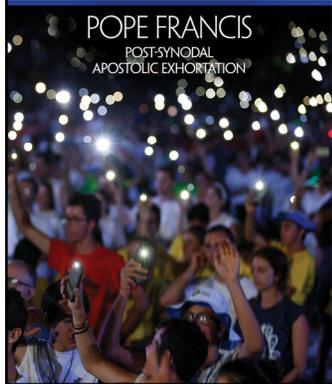
"If you are young in years, but feel weak, weary, or disillusioned, ask Jesus to renew you. With him, **hope never fails**..." (109)

"God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen in life. At every moment, **you are infinitely loved**." (112)

"Young people, beloved of the Lord, how valuable you must be if you were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ! Dear young people, **'you are priceless!'**" (122)

"Because (Christ) lives, there can be no doubt that **goodness will have the upper hand** in your life and that all your struggles will prove worthwhile... That is the certainty we have. **Jesus is eternally alive**." (127)

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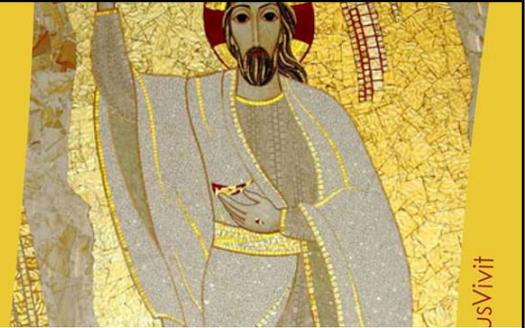
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Session 2: "He Walked With Them": The Art of Accompaniment

Hosts: Katie Prejean McGrady and Paul Jarzembowski
Panelists: Jonathan Lewis, Brian Rhude, and Brenda Noriega
Moderator: Michael Theisen