

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"*

Hosted by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), the Southeast Pastoral Institute for Hispanic/Latino Ministry (SEPI), the Catholic Apostolate Center (CAC), in collaboration with the USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth

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

*Synod Series 4: "And Their Eyes Were Opened": Vocational Discernment*

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 Panelists: Andrew and Terri Lyke, John and Nicole Grosso, Fr. Frank Donio S.A.C.  
 and Sr. Debbie Borneman SSCM Moderator: Michael Theisen

**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.

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**Recap of the past Webinars**

- Overview of the Synod process and *Christus Vivit*
  - Emmaus story as our guide
- The Art of Accompaniment
- The Sacred Act of Listening
- Vocational Discernment

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## Important Terms to Define

There are some important terms we should define:

- “Discernment”
- “Vocation”
- “Call to Holiness”

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## *Christus Vivit* 112

The very first truth I would tell each of you is this: “God loves you”. It makes no difference whether you have already heard it or not. I want to remind you of it. God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen to you in life. At every moment, you are infinitely loved.

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## *Christus Vivit*, 257


Your vocation inspires you to bring out the best in yourself for the glory of God and the good of others. It is not simply a matter of doing things, but of doing them with meaning and direction.

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## *Christus Vivit*, 276

In discerning your vocation, do not dismiss the possibility of devoting yourself to God in the priesthood, the religious life or in other forms of consecration. Why not? You can be sure that, if you do recognize and follow a call from God, there you will find complete fulfilment.




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### *Christus Vivit, 286*

“So often in life, we waste time asking ourselves: ‘Who am I?’ You can keep asking, ‘Who am I?’ for the rest of your lives. But the real question is: ‘For whom am I?’”. Of course, you are for God. But he has decided that you should also be for others, and he has given you many qualities, inclinations, gifts and charisms that are not for you, but to share with those around you.




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### *Christus Vivit, 291*

There are many priests, men and women religious, lay and professional persons, and indeed qualified young people, who can help the young with their vocational discernment.



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## Q & A

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<http://nfcym.org/christus-vivit-resources>

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