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SURVEY OF YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

Dear Father,

In October 2018, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome to consider the issue of *Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment*. The context of the Synod is as follows:

“The Church has decided 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.”

In preparation for the assembly in 2018, the Synod would like to hear from young people and from those who are regularly in contact with them. With this in mind, I would like to draw your attention to two different surveys, and to ask you to publicise them to those whom you serve. Please note the target group for the second survey and share the information with catechists and youth leaders.

The first survey is aimed at young people (whether Catholic or not) aged 13-29 living in England & Wales. The Synod Fathers would like to hear from any young people with whom your parish has contact, in particular those engaged in youth groups or who are being confirmed around this time. The Synod would also like to hear from young people not actively engaged with the Church, so please ask your parishioners to pass it on to their relatives.

The survey can be accessed by searching for ‘Youth Poll’ at www.catholicnews.org.uk, via the Flame app, for those who were at Flame 2017, or via the ‘NationalYouthSunday’ page on Facebook.

The second survey is aimed at those who have regular contact with young people, including most especially youth leaders, confirmation catechists. It will be accessible via www.catholicnews.org.uk once it’s released.

Both surveys take about fifteen minutes to complete and will be a great help both to The Bishops of England & Wales and to the Holy See in advance of the Synod next year.

With thanks and all good wishes,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Richard