**Synod Questionnaire and WhatsApp Activity – YOUTH**



Instructions: First, take 10 minutes alone to read and rate each statement below. Select a value between 1 and 5 that indicates how true the statement reflects your reality as part of the Church and your community.

**Where, 1 = Not true at all and 5 = Very true**

Once completed, gather with your assigned small group (or pair up if a small number of participants). Take 10 minutes to discuss your responses for the theme assigned to your group. If meeting in small groups, choose one person to help guide the conversation and one timekeeper to make sure your group can complete the sharing. After the conversation, as a group/pair, take 10 minutes with to complete the ***WhatsApp Activity*** on page 2.

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| **Theme** | **Statements** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** |

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| 1. **Companions on the Journey** | As a baptized follower of Jesus, I feel part of the Catholic Church and welcomed in my local faith community. |  |  |  |  |  |
| As a young person, I feel the Church respectfully accompanies me in my growth and overall development; she knows my challenges, dreams and hopes. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I relate to other young people honestly and respectfully, supporting them according to my abilities and resources. |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 1. **Speaking Out with Courage** | As young intercultural Latinos in the Church we are understood, and our voices are heard. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Church provides spaces and opportunities to share our faith and freely express my opinions. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel I can share and explain my faith with words and actions. |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 1. **Celebrating Our Faith** | Participation in the celebration of Mass and the experience of personal prayer are important to me. They help me to be a better person. |  |  |  |  |  |
| In the celebration of the Mass, we are all invited and included as the grand family that we are as the People of God. |  |  |  |  |  |
| When I go to Mass, my local community encourages me to actively participate. I enjoy it when I join in the celebration. |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 1. **Learning to Be a Church that Listens and Cares** | The Church understands our cultural realities as young people and is concerned with supporting and promoting improvements that bring about a better quality of life for all. |  |  |  |  |  |
| As a young person I feel that I am included in decision-making to improve our community. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Open, respectful communication is promoted in our community and is well received by community leaders. |  |  |  |  |  |

**Other comments:**

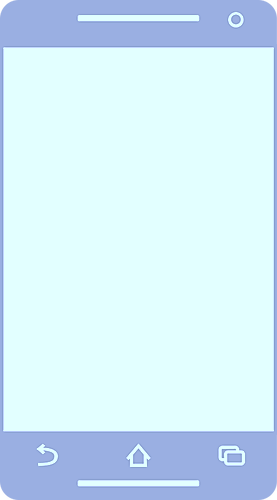
**ALL SHEETS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE SESSION TO GATHER YOUR INPUT. \*\*NAMES ARE NOT REQUIRED.**

*\*\*Activity adapted from the “Guide for Working with Youth” from the Diocese of Palencia, Spain, and the Archdiocese of Newark.*

**WhatsApp Activity:**

If you could send Pope Francis a WhatsApp message with opinions and suggestions, what would you say?

After discussing your responses to your assigned *Synod Questionnaire* theme with your small group/partner, together create a WhatsApp message that you would send to Pope Francis answering the question inside the chat quote. Remember to choose someone in your group to read it in the large group sharing.



Hi… how r u? Share with me thoughts about how you think the Holy Spirit is moving or can move our Church to journey together as 1 People of God.

b with u.

