



# Attention ALL Youth and Young Adults (16-30 years old)

## SPEAK UP! The Church is Listening

In preparation for the upcoming Synod of Bishops to be held in October 2018, the Vatican has asked for our help. The topic of the Synod is: Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment. Dioceses around the world have been asked to provide feedback from youth and young adults on what impacts their choices about life and faith. They want to hear from active Catholics as well as Catholics currently not practicing their faith.

### What is a Synod?

The word synod comes from the Greek words syn meaning together and hodos meaning road or way. It means a coming together. A Synod is a religious meeting or assembly at which bishops, gather around and, with the Holy Father, share information and experiences about a common pastoral issue. The work of the Synod is consultative. It has no decision-making authority unless such authority is granted by the Holy Father and its decisions are ratified by him.

*If you are 16—30 years old, we invite you to attend one of our listening sessions. Come tell us what you think.*

**Sunday, July 16, 2017**

All Saints, Bridgeport, WV - 12:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

St. Leo's, Inwood, WV (Parish Hall) - 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center,  
Charleston, WV - 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 2, 2017**

St. Francis de Sales Parish,  
Morgantown, WV - 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017**

St. Vincent de Paul Parish,  
Wheeling, WV (Marist Centre) - 7:00 p.m.

If you have friends who are not active in a parish, we encourage you to invite them to participate.

