

# YOUNG PEOPLE, THE FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

15TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS – OCTOBER 2018

*How can the Church help young people recognize and accept the call to fullness of life and love?*



## SUMMARY of SYNOD PREPARATORY DOCUMENT

Young people are defined as ages 16-29.

How do young people know, understand, embrace and live the Gospel?

Give young people a voice in evangelization so they are active members of Jesus' mission.

Young people see themselves as active participants in pastoral programs and policies.

Interactive website with questions on their expectations and their lives.

Vocational discernment—Making fundamental choices regarding a state in life (married, ordained ministry, consecrated life, etc.).

A process of putting faith into practice with concrete choices.

Dialogue with God aimed at *recognizing* and *interpreting* the movement of the Spirit and *choosing* a path.

Encounter, accompany and care for every young person.

Spiritual guidance helps orient a person toward the Lord and prepares the ground for an encounter with Jesus.

Encounter young people where they are, adapt to their times and pace of life and taking them seriously.

Spend time with young people, listen to their stories and be attentive to their joys, hopes, sadness and anxieties.



## SVD GENERALATE CHALLENGE

Establish *Youth Animation* as a priority for 2017 and 2018.

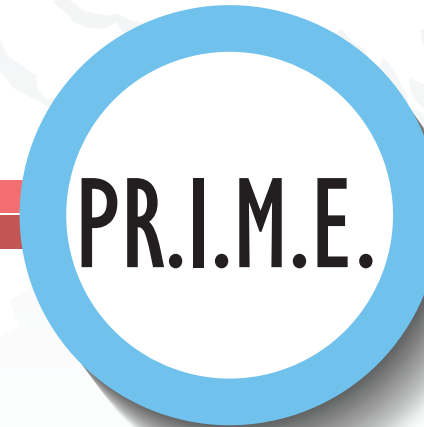
Connect with young people at parishes, high schools, universities—Anywhere!

Report activities to the Mission Secretary.



## SYNOD PREP DOCUMENT

[www.svdvocations.org/contact/preparatory-document-15th-ordinary-general-assembly-synod-bishops](http://www.svdvocations.org/contact/preparatory-document-15th-ordinary-general-assembly-synod-bishops)



## MOVING FORWARD

**Develop a plan to animate young people at your ministry site on Synod Themes.**

**Remember: PRIME**

**P***romote* – Talk about religious vocations, about the SVD, DWC, mission, etc.

**I***n*voke – Personally invite and encourage a young person to missionary discipleship.

**M***entor* – Accompany a young person on their discernment journey.

**E***nergize* – Excite and motivate a young person to action.

**Report your activities to Len Uhal at the Vocation Office:**  
[luhal@dwc.edu](mailto:luhal@dwc.edu).



## IDEAS

Establish a youth group or plan additional group activities.

Establish or strengthen a young adult group for people in their 20s.

Conduct a brainstorming session with young people.

Start Bible study/sharing with young people.

Host retreats and/or conferences for young people.

Plan sports, music or art festivals.

Sponsor a mission trip.

Offer prayer times with young people in leadership roles.

Coordinate venues where young people can share their faith experiences.

Invite young people to collaborate in your parish or ministry site.