

OPEN LETTER TO YOUNG PEOPLE



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In case you have not heard, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called for a Synod of Bishops in 2018. The theme, "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment," will challenge bishops from throughout the world to consider how we can do a better job of engaging young people in the faith.

To prepare for that Synod, and because I want to know what you are thinking, I am inviting you to take part in a very special survey. If you are between the ages of 12 and 29, I invite you to visit www.tellbishopfrank.org anytime between today and April 15, 2017. The questions I ask are about your faith experience, your parish experience, your prayer experience, and your personal relationship with Jesus. Your answers will not only help me prepare our diocesan report to those who attend the Synod of Bishops, but it will provide me with a snapshot of the young church of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

The Faith Formation team and the newly formed Leadership Institute are working on creative ways to engage and educate those who have been called to help your parents form you in the Catholic faith. These catechists, youth ministers, Catholic school teachers, priest, and men and women religious answer the call to share *their* story of faith so that you might learn how to grow more deeply in *your* faith. The answers you provide in this survey will help us reimagine faith formation to, with, and for you and your peers.

Thank you in advance for taking a moment to answer the survey honestly and prayerfully. Know that I pray every day for you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport