

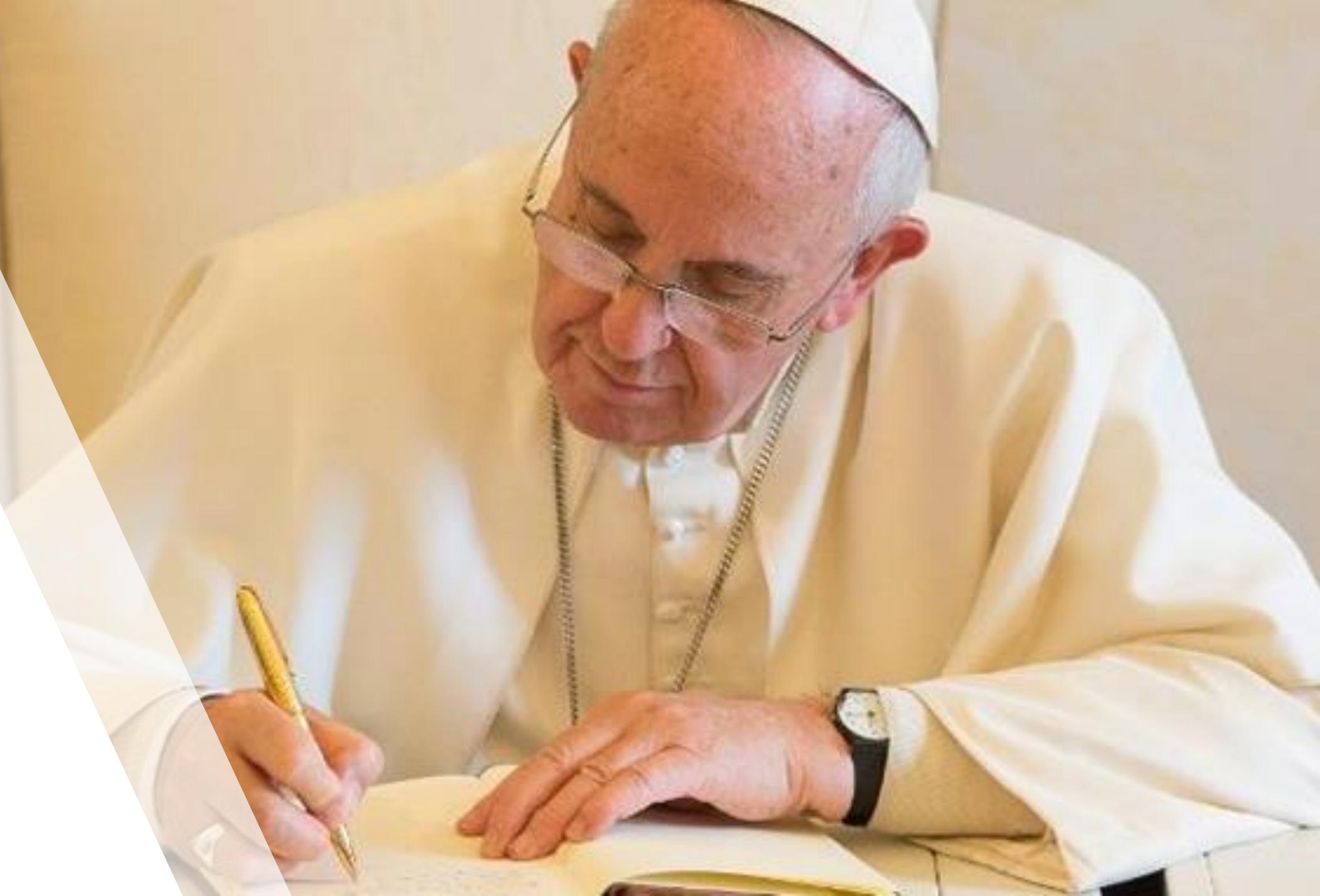
Pope Francis'
CHRISTUS VIVIT
“Journeying Together”

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Christus Vivit

- ❖ *An apostolic exhortation for the whole Church*
- ❖ Signed Mar. 25, 2019
- ❖ Released Apr. 2, 2019
- ❖ Originally written by Pope Francis *in Spanish*
- ❖ 9 chapters, 299 paragraphs



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- ❖ Written in a letter format, as reflections by a pope to and about the young
- ❖ Addressed to *jóvenes*, those ages **16 to 30**
- ❖ Addressed to the entire *People of God*, especially **pastors and lay leaders**

Christus Vivit

not just about Y&YA ministry.

It's for the *entire* Church.

Christus Vivit is a summons...

1. to the young: **step up.**

"Take risks... Make a ruckus... Cast out the fears... Live!" CV 143

2. to older adults: **be young again.**

"At every moment of life, we can renew our youthfulness..." CV 160

3. to leaders: **invest in the young.**

"We are called to invest in their fearlessness and train them..." CV 233

4. to everyone: **accompany each other.**

"If we journey together, young and old, we can...enable hope to blossom." CV 199

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not just about what to do.

It's also about who we will *be*.

Members of the Church do not always take the approach of Jesus. Rather than listening to young people attentively, "all too often there is a tendency to provide *pre-packaged answers* and ready-made solutions, without allowing their real *questions* to emerge and facing the *challenges* they pose." ...We adults can often be tempted to list all the *problems* and *failings* of today's young people. Perhaps some will find it praiseworthy that we seem so *expert* in discerning difficulties and dangers. (CV 65, 66)

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**a radical re-framing of the
Church's engagement with
youth and young adults**

Young people frequently fail to find in our usual programs a response to their concerns, their needs... there is a need to look at the ways these groups participate in the Church's overall *pastoral care*, as well as a need for *greater communion* among them and a *better coordination* of their activities. (CV 202)

The Church should not be excessively caught up in herself but instead, and above all, reflect Jesus Christ. This means humbly acknowledging that **some things concretely need to change** and if that is to happen, she needs to appreciate the vision but also the criticisms of young people. (41)

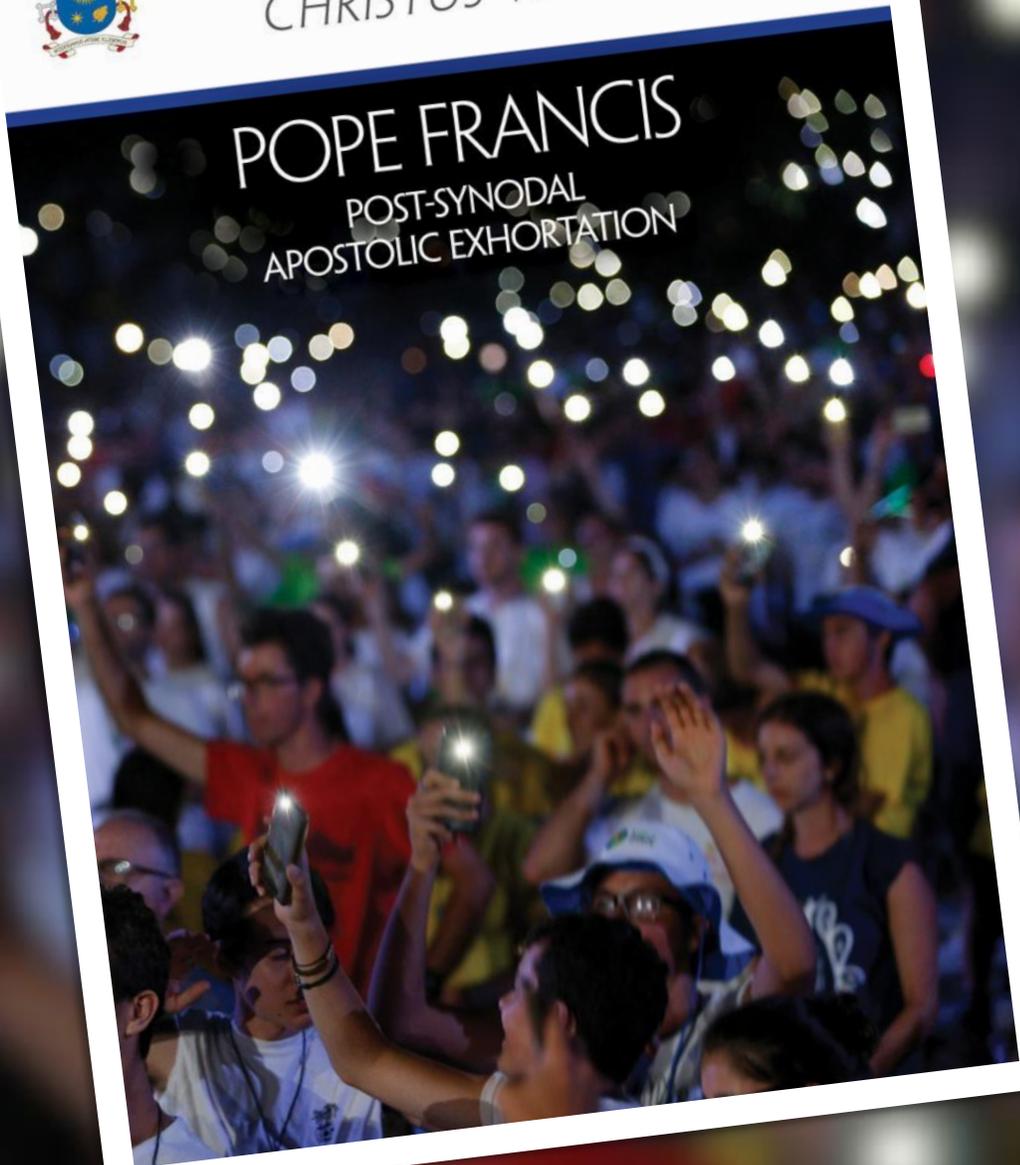
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**the story of one journey and
the inauguration of another**



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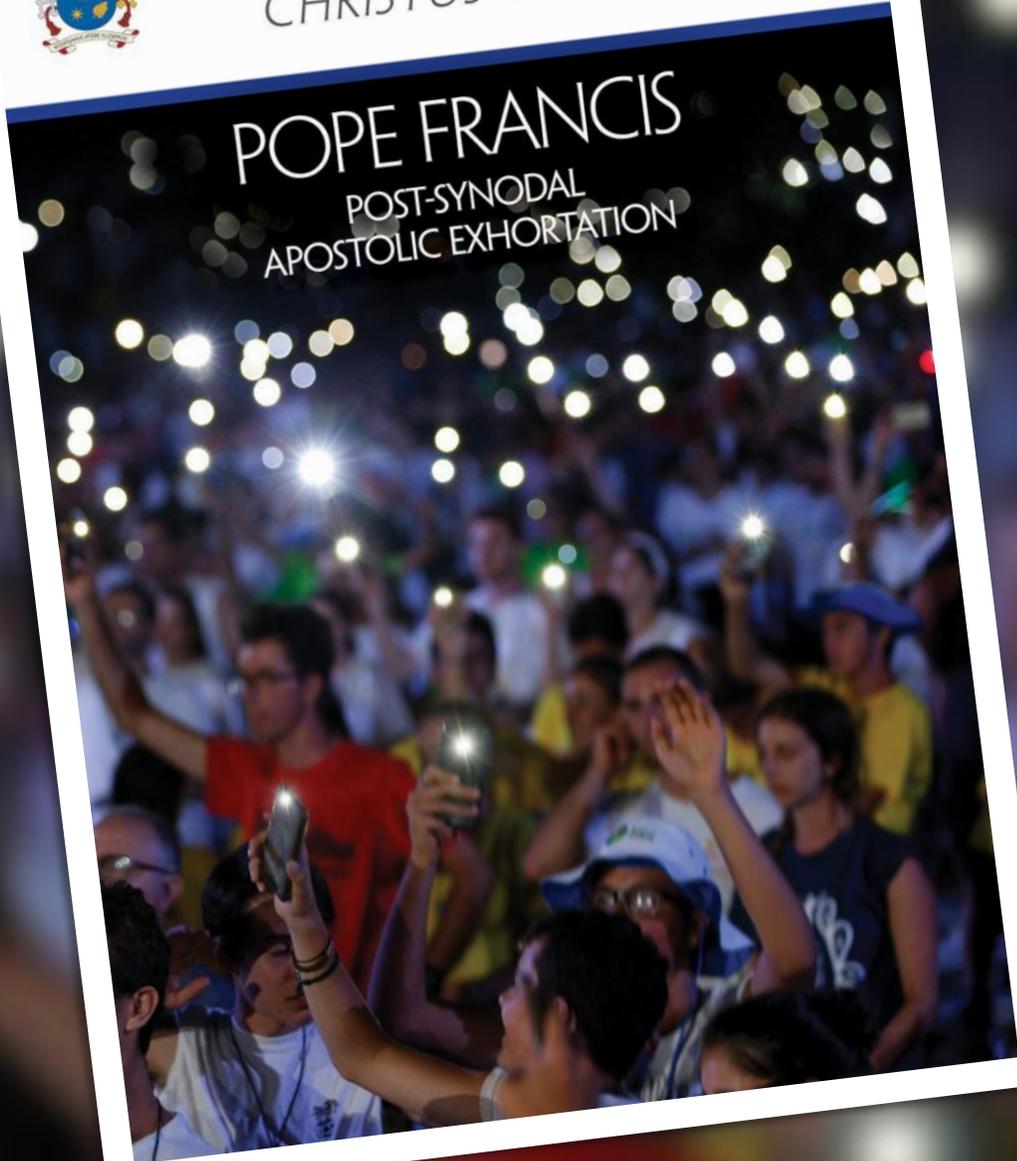
Prior to 2017

- *Medellín* (1968) and *Aparecida* (2007)
- CELAM/Buenos Aires
- WYD Rio 2013
- *Evangelii Gaudium*
- Synods 2014-2015
- WYD Krakow 2016



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CONSULTATION

2017-2018

- *Prep Document and Local Consultations*
- *Vatican Meetings*
- *Online Surveys*
- *Pre-Synod (Mar 2018)*
- *Instrumentum Laboris*
- *Synod (Oct 2018)*





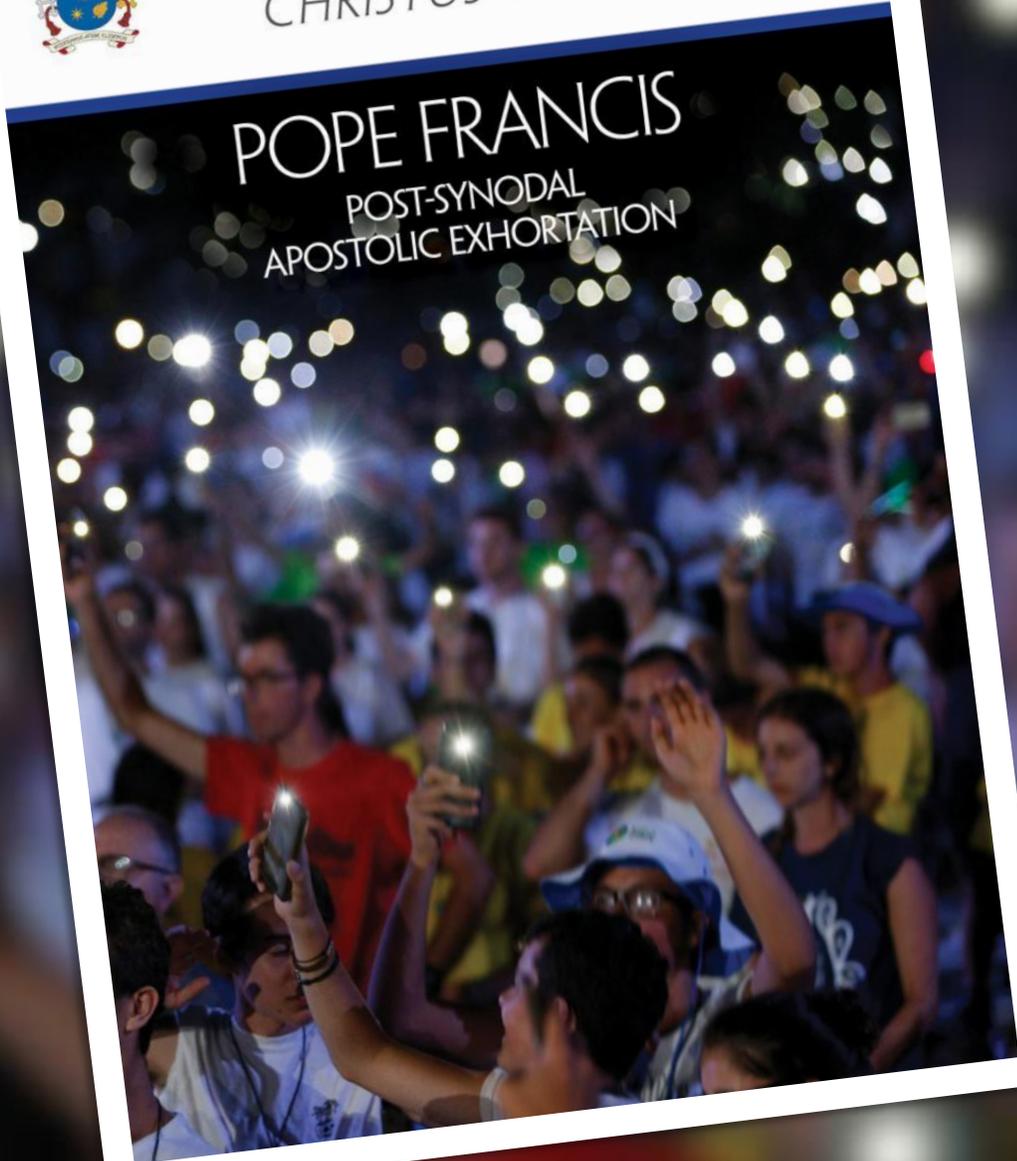
The Church as a whole, when choosing through this Synod to concern herself with the young, took a very definite option: **she considers this mission a pastoral priority of epoch-making significance, in which to invest time, energy and resources** ...we invite the Episcopal Conferences and particular Churches to continue this journey...

(Synod Final Document, 119)



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MOBILIZATION

2019-Beyond

- WYD Panama 2019
- *Christus Vivit*
- Post-Synod Forum
- *National Dialogue*
- Vatican Video Series



synodality

“community on a journey”

“journeying together”

Christus Vivit 29, 199, 206

See.

Judge.

Act.

Observe.

Interpret.

Choose.

See.

Ch. 1-3.

Judge.

Ch. 4-6.

Act.

Ch. 7-9.

Christus Vivit follows a journey:

1. Hearing **God's Word**

2. Listening to **Jesus** and the **Church**, ever young

3. Seeing today's **realities**

4. Receiving **new hope**

5. Understanding **paths** of transition & growth

6. Reflecting on **roots** and **generations**

7. Engaging in **ministry**

8. Committing to one's **vocation** and **mission**

9. Practicing **discernment** in prayer and patience

Hearing God's Word in History

Ministry is not optional.

Taking care of young people is *not an optional task* for the Church, but **an integral part of her vocation and mission in history.**

(Instrumentum Laboris, 1)

In an age when young people were not highly regarded, some text show that **God sees them differently.** (CV 1)

The young in salvation history. (Ch. 1-2)

... Joseph, Gideon, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon,
Jeremiah, Naaman's servant, and Ruth (6-11)

... *Mary* as a young person (43-48)

... *Jesus* as a young person (22-29)

... *Jesus' parables and teachings*, and his
encounters with young people (12-21)

... The letters of *St. Peter and St. Paul* (15-16)

... The lives and witness of *young saints* (49-63)

Christ and the Church

We are all young.

Youth (being young) is more than simply a period of time; **it is a state of mind...**
An institution as ancient as the Church can experience renewal and a return to youth(fulness) at different points in her age-old history... Young people can help *keep her young.* (CV 34, 37)

When I began my ministry as Pope, the Lord broadened my horizons and **granted me renewed youth(fulness)**. (CV 160)



A substantial number of young people, for all sorts of reasons, do not ask the Church for anything because they do not see her as *significant for their lives... To be credible to young people, there are times when (the Church) needs to **regain her humility** and **simply listen**, recognizing that what *others* have to say can provide some light to help (the Church) better understand the Gospel. (40, 41)*

**Young People's
Present Reality**
Encounter and learn.

Young people's struggles are real. (Ch. 3)

... in *violence and marginalization* (72-80)

... in *sexuality and desires* (81-85)

... in the *digital* environment (86-90)

... in *migration and separation* (91-94)

... as victims and witnesses of *abuse* (95-102)

**What else are they experiencing
in your local community/context?**

Each young person's heart should thus be considered **'holy ground,'** a bearer of seeds of divine life, before which we must 'take off our shoes' in order to draw near and enter more deeply into the Mystery. (CV 67)

As a Church, **may we never fail to weep** before these tragedies of our young. May we never become inured to them. (CV 75)

**Be Hope for
the Hopeless.**
Christ is truly alive.

We respond to your struggles. (Ch. 4)

God loves you (112-117)

You're not worthless. You matter to us.

Jesus saves you (118-123)

You aren't alone. We suffer with you.

Christ is alive (124-129)

Your future is bright. We believe in you.

...trust in the Holy Spirit. (130-133)

Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world... Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive! He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you. (CV 1, 2)

Because he lives, **there can be no doubt that goodness will have the upper hand** in your life and that all our struggles will prove worthwhile... That is the certainty we have. Jesus is eternally alive. If we hold fast to him, we will have life, and be protected from the threats of death and violence that may assail us in life. (CV 127)

Growth, Maturity, and Transitions

Understand the journey.

From the personal to the global. (Ch. 5)

- ... beginning with personal *dreams* (136-143)
- ... experiencing the present *moment* (144-149)
- ... connecting with Jesus in *prayer* (150-157)
- ... growing and *maturing in life* (158-162)
- ... journeying with a *community* (163-167)
- ... working towards *the common good* (168-174)
- ... engaging *the global mission* (175-178)

Dear young people, make the most of these years... Don't observe life from a balcony... Whatever you do, do not become the sorry sight of an abandoned vehicle... Take risks, even if it means making mistakes... **Make a ruckus!** Cast out the fears that paralyze you, so that you don't become young mummies. Live! ...Open the door of the cage, go out, and fly! Please don't take an early retirement. (CV 143)

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to **go far, go together**... Young people can be tempted to withdraw into small groups, shunning the issues and challenges posed by life in society and in the larger world. They may feel that they are experiencing fraternity and love, but their small group may in fact become nothing other than an **extension of their own ego**. (CV 167, 168)

“Young friends, **don't wait until tomorrow** to contribute your energy, your audacity, and your creativity to changing our world. Your youth(fulness) is not an 'in-between time.' **You are the now of God** and he wants you to bear fruit.” (CV 178)

Intergenerational Community

Be rooted, work together.

The world has never benefited, nor will it ever benefit, from a rupture between generations... **When intergenerational relationships exist, a collective memory is present in communities,** as each generation takes up the teachings of its predecessors and in turn bequeaths a legacy to its successors. (CV 191)

If we journey together, young and old,
we can be firmly rooted in the present, and
from there, revisit the past and look to the
future... to nourish our enthusiasm, cause
dreams to emerge, awaken prophecies,
and **enable hope to blossom.** (CV 199)

Reimagining Ministry Work

Engage, invest, accompany

Ministry has to be synodal; it should involve a *journeying together*... through a process of co-responsibility... fully accepting the contributions of the lay faithful, including young people and women, consecrated persons, as well as groups, associations, and movements. (CV 206)

Young people need to have their freedom respected, yet they also need to be **accompanied**... The *family* should be the first place... The *community* (also) has an important role... it should feel *collectively responsible* for accepting, motivating, encouraging, and challenging them. (CV 242, 243)

The same young people described to us the qualities they hope to find in a mentor, and they expressed this with much clarity. '**Mentors** should not lead young people as passive followers, but **walk alongside them**, allowing them to be active participants in the journey... This role is not and cannot be limited to priests and consecrated life, but the laity should also be empowered to take on such a role.' (CV 246)

Reframing ministry: (CV 202-223, 230-238)

- *As collaborative pastoral care* (202-209)
- *As a relational, loving outreach* (210-211)
- *Away from apologetic formation* (212-215)
- *As intrinsically welcoming* (216-217)
- *Providing distinct experiences* (218-220)
- *As holistic faith formation* (221-223)
- *As flexible, open, ecumenical, and inclusive, going beyond the church walls* (230-238)

Areas needing to be developed: (CV 224-229)

- The need for both *silence* and joyful *liturgy*
- Engagement in the *moments of return*
- More *service and justice* opportunities
- Integration of the *arts/music* into the faith
- Connecting *sports* to the Catholic faith
- More *nature and ecology* initiatives
- Inviting young people to experience the *devotions and traditions* of the Church

Additional areas of concern: (CV 35-42, 71-102)

- The call for *ecclesial rejuvenation*
- Keeping close to the *voices of the young*
- Young people facing *violence, poverty, and marginalization* globally and locally
- Human *sexuality, identity, and exploitation*
- Engaging within the *digital* environment
- Young *migrants* and cultural exclusion
- Ending every form of *abuse*

Vocation and Mission Integration

Help young people serve.

I would now like to speak of vocation in the strict sense, as a call to **missionary service to others**... for our life on earth reaches full stature when it becomes an offering... Your vocation is something more: it is a path guiding your many efforts and actions toward service to others. (CV 253, 254, 255)

Vocational Pathways (Ch. 8)

- The call to be *witnesses* (175-178 in Ch. 5)
- The universal call to *holiness* (248-249)
- The call to *friendship with Jesus* (250-252)
- The call to *service for others* (253-258)
- The call to *love and family* (259-267)
- The call to *work and career* (268-273)
- The call to *special consecration* (274-277)

Prayerful Discernment

Listen patiently.

Drawing together creates the conditions for the Church to become a place of **dialogue** and a witness to life-giving fraternity... **Listening** makes possible an exchange of gifts in a context of **empathy**.

(Synod Final Document, 1, 8, qtd. in CV 38)

Discernment Strategies (Ch. 9)

- Formation of *consciences* (278-282)
- *Silence* and personal *questions* (283-286)
- Journeying with *Jesus* (287-290)
- *Accompaniment* by others (291-298)
 - *Listening* and sensitivities (292-296)
 - Compassionate *self-reflection* (297-298)
- *Persistent yet patient* pathways (299)

Dear young people, my joyful hope is to see you **keep running the race** before you, outstripping all those who are slow or fearful. Keep running... 'The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith. We need them! And when you arrive where we have not yet reached, **have the patience to wait for us.** (CV 299)

Christus Vivit's footnotes

- Synod *Final Document* (2018)
- Pre-Synod *Final Document* (2018)
- Sacred Scripture
- St. Augustine
- St. Irenaeus
- St. Basil the Great
- St. Francis of Assisi
- St. Thomas Aquinas
- St. John of the Cross
- St. Alberto Hurtado, SJ *
- St. Paul VI
- St. Oscar Romero
- St. John Paul II
- *Gaudium et Spes* (Vatican II)
- *Lumen Gentium* (Vatican II)
- *Dei Verbum* (Vatican II)
- *Message to Young People* (Vatican II)
- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan
- Cardinal Eduardo Pironino *
- Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ (Jesuit Superior Gen.)
- Fr. Rafael Tello (Argentine theologian) *
- Fr. Romano Guardini (German theologian)
- Francisco Luis Bernandez (Argentine poet) *
- *Sharing the Wisdom of Time* (2018)
- Protection of Minors Summit (2019)
- Korean Bishops Conference
- Rwandan Bishops Conference
- Swiss Bishops Conference
- Argentinian Bishops Conference *
- Columbian Bishops Conference *
- United States Bishops Conference (USCCB)
- Pope Francis' writings, including *Laudato Si'*, *Evangelii Gaudium*, *Amoris Laetitia*, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, & *Veritatis Gaudium* (2013-2019)
- Pope Francis' encounters with young people and World Youth Day messages (2013-2019)

Global Synodality and Collaboration

We are never alone.

Whenever you are united, you have marvelous strength. Whenever you are enthused about **life in common**, you are capable of great sacrifices for others and for the community. Isolation, on the other hand, saps our strength and exposes us to the worst evils of our time. (CV 110)

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*un documento para ser leído
en un diálogo intercultural*

**a document to be read in
an intercultural dialogue**

enredados y reconocen lo que Dios hace creativamente aun
nuestros errores

Chapter Seven:

“Ministry with youth and young adults”

“Youth and young adult ministries...
*have suffered the onslaught of
social and cultural changes.*”

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ospel. We are sent today to proclaim the Good News of Jesus
a new age. We need to love this time with all its opportunities
l risks, its joys and sorrows, its riches and its limits, its successes
failures.”¹¹⁰

During the Synod, one of the young auditors from the Samoan

CAPÍTULO SÉPTIMO

La pastoral de los jóvenes

2. La pastoral juvenil, tal como estábamos acostumbrados a lle-
varla adelante, ha sufrido el embate de los cambios sociales y cul-
turales. Los jóvenes, en las estructuras habituales, muchas veces no
encuentran respuestas a sus inquietudes, necesidades, problemáticas
y heridas. La proliferación y crecimiento de asociaciones y movi-
mientos con características predominantemente juveniles pueden
ser interpretados como una acción del Espíritu
nuevos. Se hace necesario

CHAPTER SEVEN

Youth Ministry

202. Youth ministry, as traditionally carried out, has been sig-
nificantly affected by social and cultural changes. Young people
frequently fail to find in our usual programs a response to their

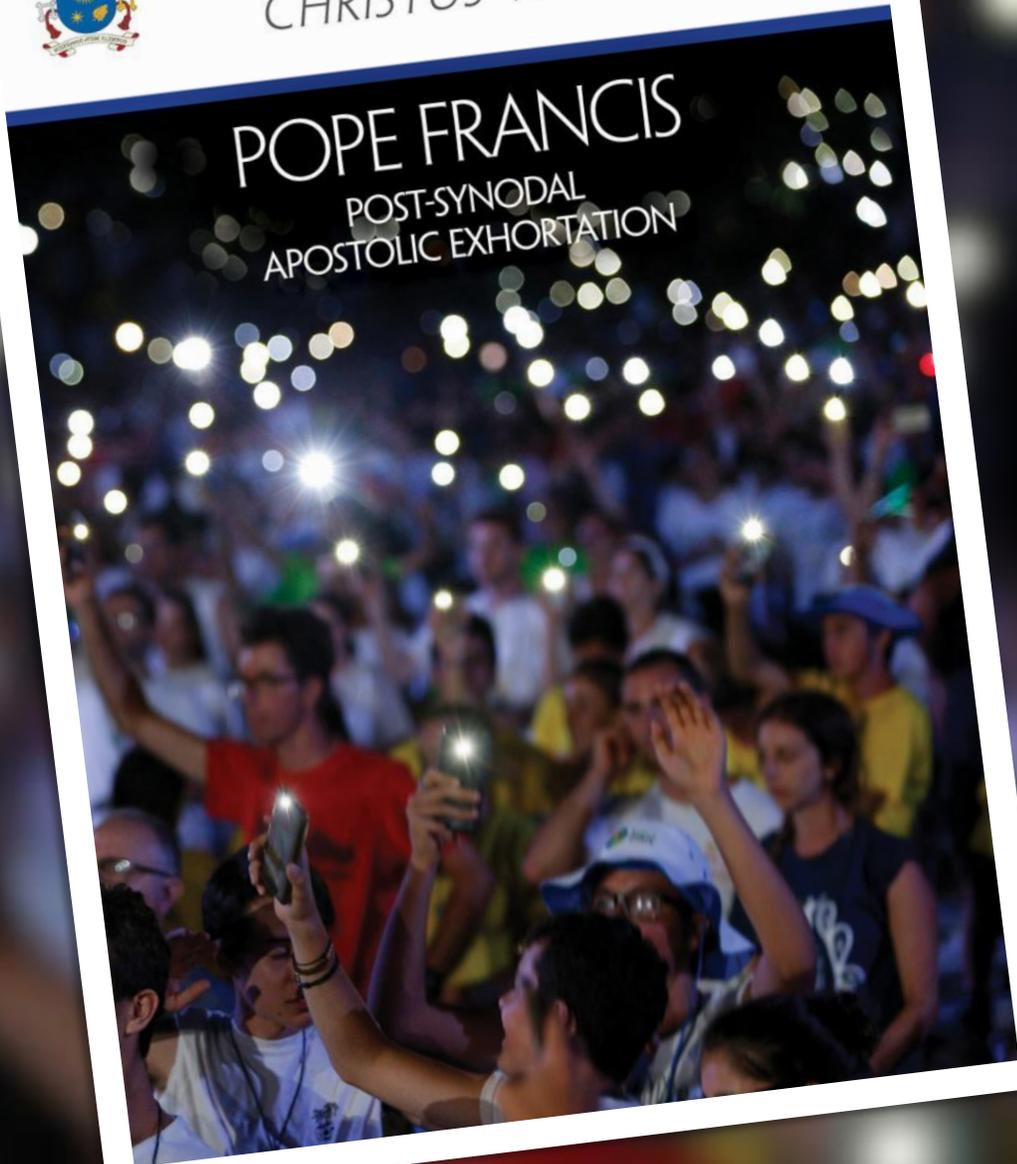
In addition to the ordinary, well-planned pastoral ministry that parishes and movements carry out, it is also important to allow room for a ***“popular youth (and young adult) ministry”*** with a different style, schedule, pace and method. Broader and more flexible, it goes out to those places where real young people are active and fosters the natural leadership qualities and the charisms sown by the Holy Spirit. (CV 230)

Además de la pastoral habitual que realizan las parroquias y los movimientos, según determinados esquemas, es muy importante dar lugar a una **“pastoral popular juvenil”** que tiene otro estilo, otros tiempos, otro ritmo, otra metodología. Consiste en una pastoral más amplia y flexible que estimule, en los distintos lugares donde se mueven los jóvenes reales, esos liderazgos naturales y esos carismas que el Espíritu Santo ya ha sembrado entre ellos. (230)



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An innate tension also exists between globalization and localization. We need to **pay attention to the global** so as to avoid narrowness and banality. Yet we also need to **look to the local**, which keeps our feet on the ground. (*Evangelii Gaudium* 234)

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**What is it challenging us to
do in our local ministries?
Who is it calling us to *be*?**

See. **Observe.** *What?*
Judge. **Interpret.** *So What?*
Act. **Choose.** *Now What?*

- **Who are we called to *be*?**
- **What are we challenged to *do*?**
- **How can we overcome *obstacles*?**
- **Who else is on our *team*?**

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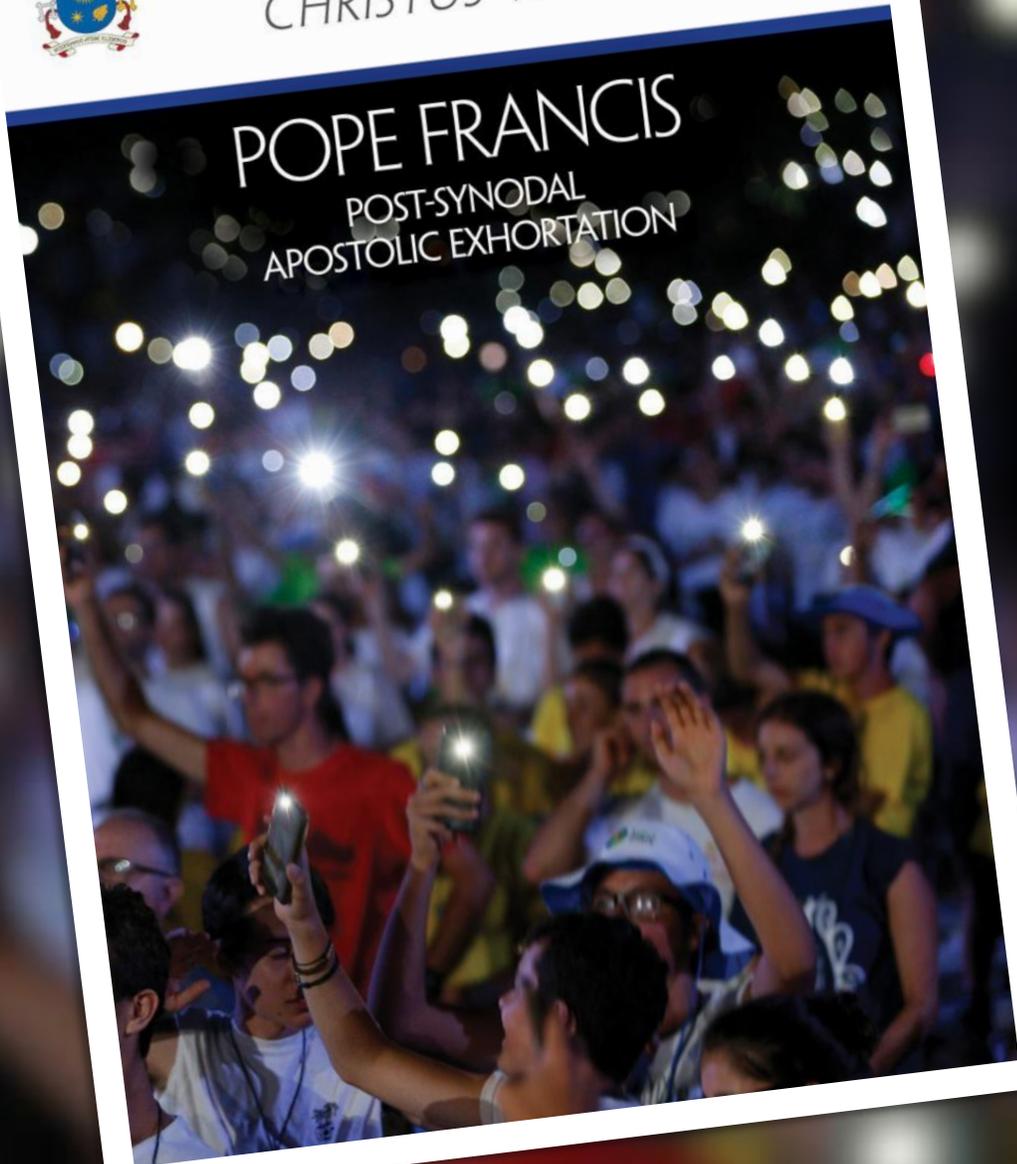
**a glimpse of new hope
for the entire Church**

Anyone called to be a parent, pastor, or guide to young people must have the **farsightedness to appreciate the little flame** that continues to burn, the *fragile reed* that is shaken but not broken. The ability to discern *pathways* where others only see walls, to recognize *potential* where others only see peril. That is how the Father sees things; he knows how to cherish and nurture the *seeds of goodness* sown in the hearts of the young. (CV 67)



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with the synodal
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encounter with
a young person.
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recommended
change in your
local context.**

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**We can walk
alongside and
support you in
your ministry.
Be in touch.**

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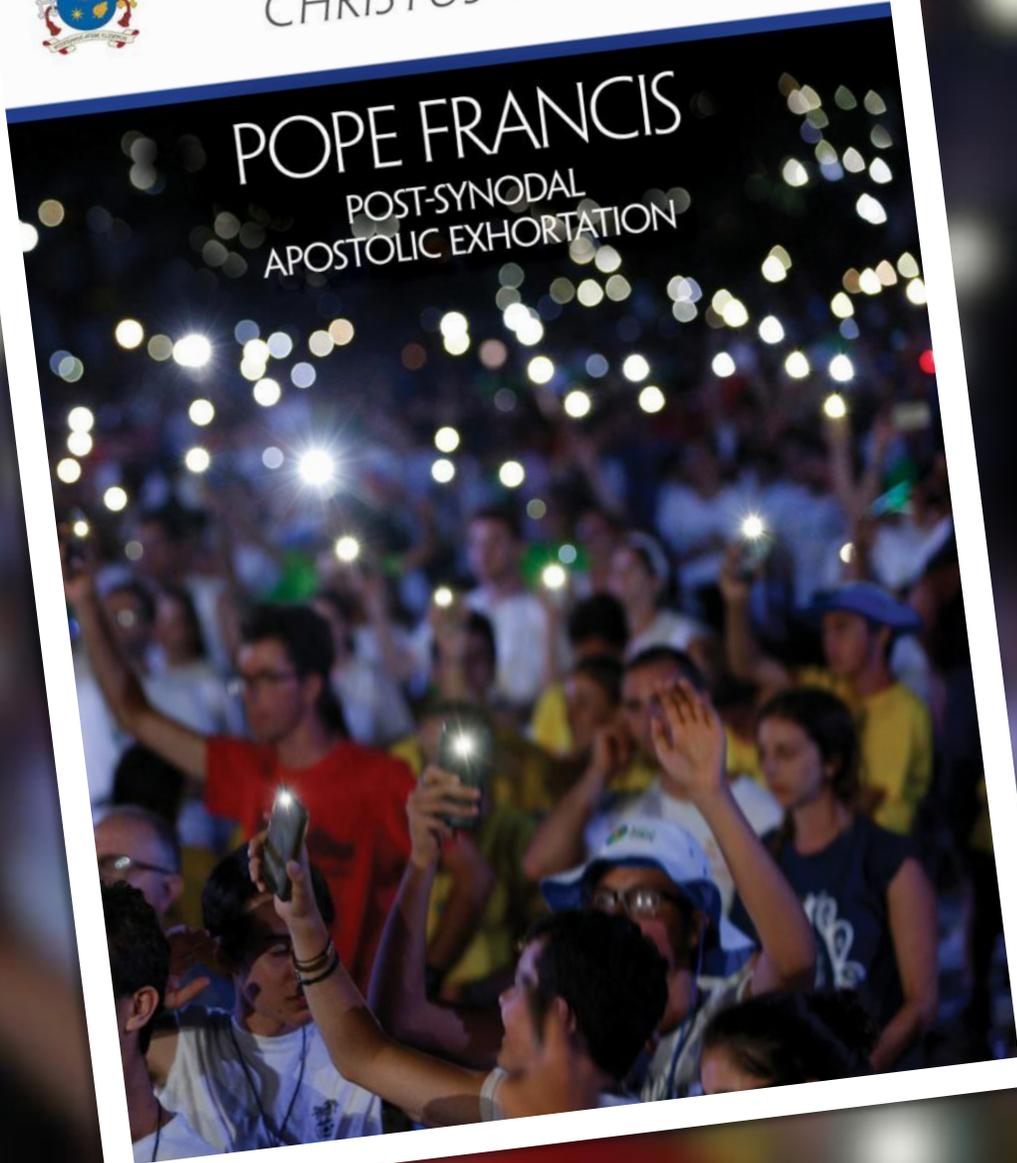
- **Bishops' Liaison and Advocacy**
- **Ministry Support and Resources**
- **Global Ministry Connections**
- **World Youth Day USA** (wydusa.org)
- **National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry** (usccb.org/yam)





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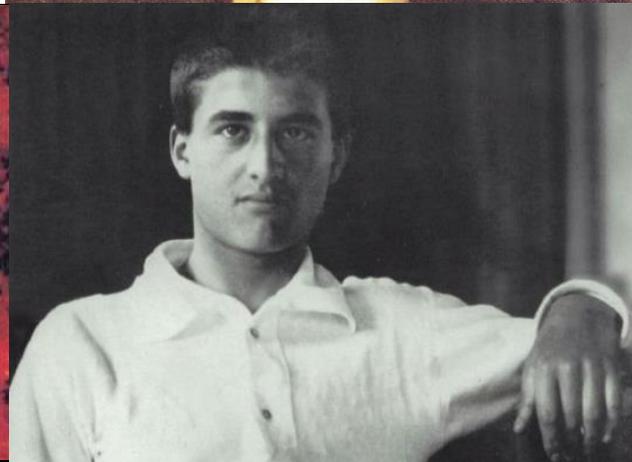
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The heart of the Church is also full of **young saints** who devoted their lives to Christ... their radiant witness encourages us and awakens us from our lethargy... Through the holiness of the young, the Church can renew her spiritual ardor and her apostolic vigor... can heal the wounds of the Church and of the world." (CV 49, 50)

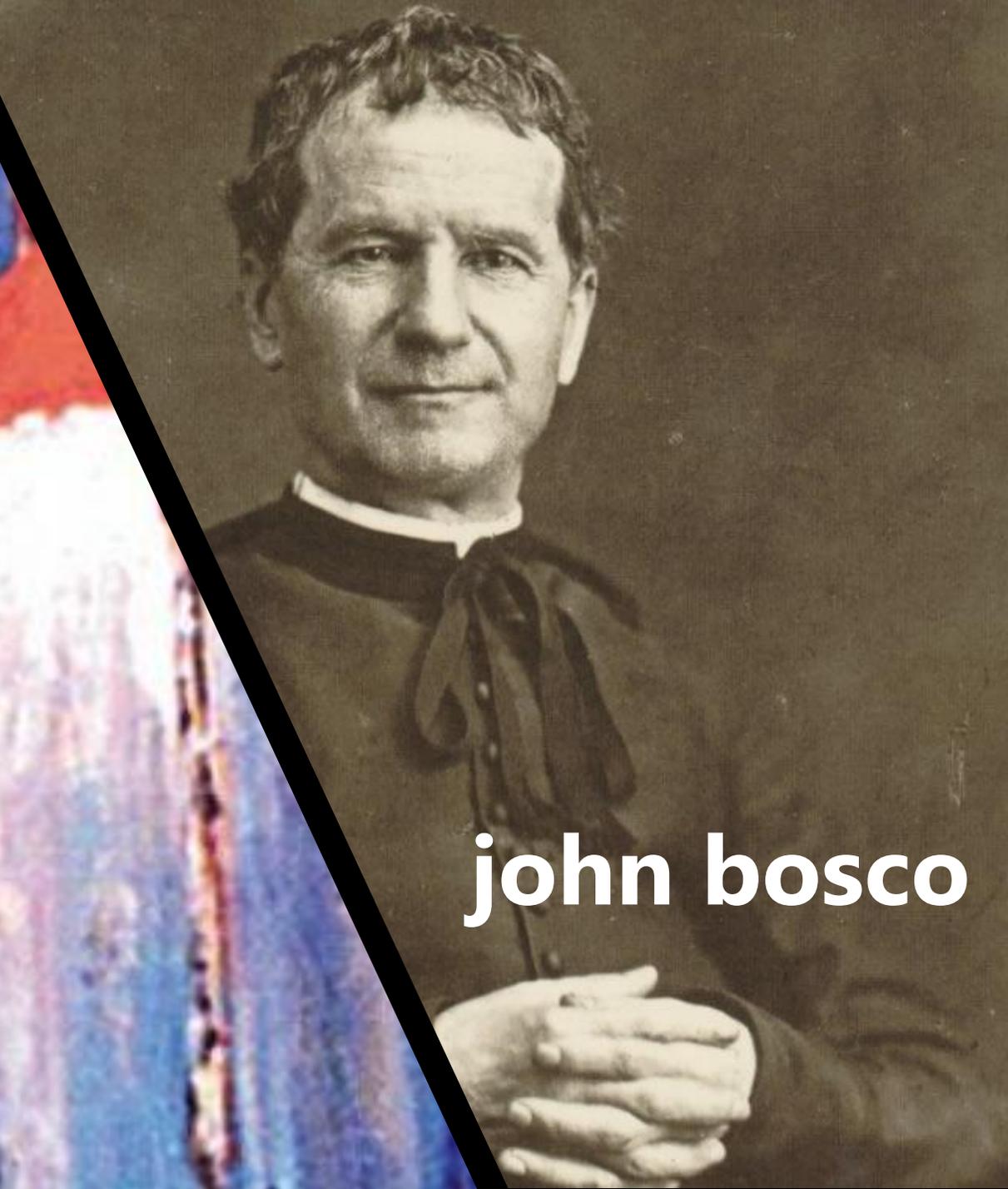


The Church turns her attention to all the young people of the world... Accompanied by **wise and generous guides**, help them respond to the call you made to each of them to realize a proper plan of life and achieve happiness. Keep their hearts open to dreaming great dreams and make them concerned for the good of others.

(Pope Francis' Synod Prayer, 2017)



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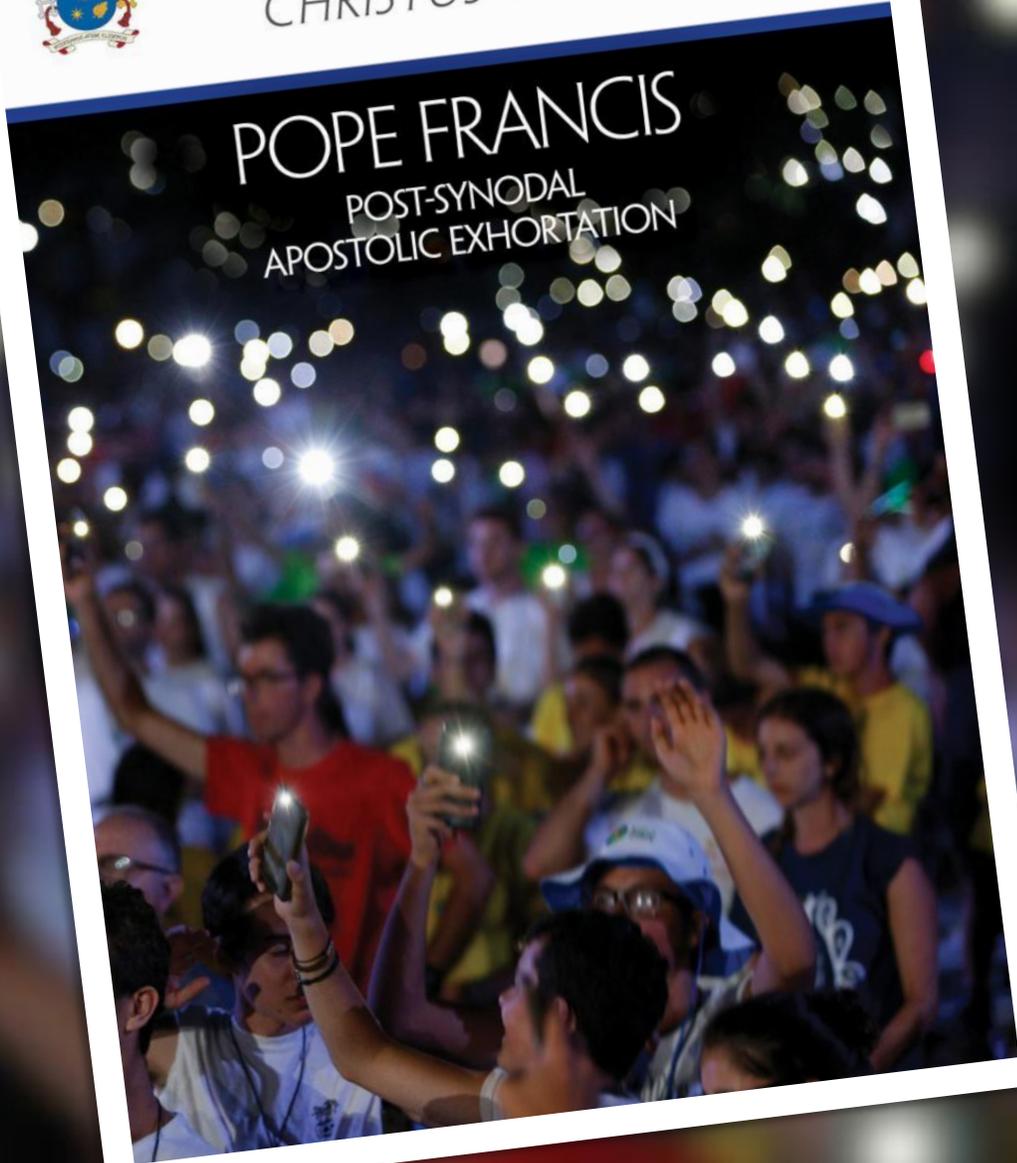
We are sent today to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to a new age. We need to love this time with all its opportunities and risks, its joys and sorrows, its riches and limits, its successes and failures... **Let us all climb aboard the same canoe and together seek a better world**, with the constantly renewed momentum of the Holy Spirit. (CV 200, 201)

Amen!



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