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MEMORANDUM

To: All Clergy
All Parishes
All Institutes of Consecrated Life

From: Archbishop Richard Gagnon *RG*

Date: May 4, 2017

Re: XV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has convoked the XV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops treating the topic: *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. This Synod will take place in October 2018 and includes a period of consultation among the People of God. Pope Francis invites, in particular, the participation of young people in the process, stating, “[m]y brother bishops and I want ever more to ‘work with you for your joy’ (2 Cor 1:24).” There are various ways through which input may be submitted:

Read and Respond to the Synod Preparatory Documents

Provided here are the (1) Synod Preparatory Document and (2) Pope Francis’s Letter to Young People, in English as well as in French. We encourage you to read these texts before responding to the questions. One may wish to provide hard copy responses to the questionnaire found within the preparatory document and send to the Catholic Centre (Re: Response to Synod of Bishops Questionnaire).

Provide Online Response

Responses can also be provided online through the Archdiocesan website (http://archwinnipeg.ca/synod_of_bishops.php) and through the following *Google Forms*:

Standard Questionnaire: <https://goo.gl/forms/nHvgYwUVHn5asm7v2>

Youth Questionnaire: <https://goo.gl/forms/IETtdWKUz2euPHys2>

Questions in the Youth Questionnaire have been reworded to ensure relevance and to make them more easily understandable to the young people. Respondents do not have to answer all of the questions; please try to answer as many as possible that pertain to you and your experience.

Submission

Responses will be received until June 30, 2017. This will give us time to compile and analyse responses, and to draft a summary that will be forwarded to the CCCB before Fall of this year.

I wish to express in advance my gratitude to the deans, pastors, youth ministers, campus ministers, parents, grandparents, Catholic School principals and teachers, coordinators of catechism and catechists, for their leadership and participation in this endeavour. I encourage you to be proactive and be creative in sharing this questionnaire to as many people as possible. I would like to encourage in a special way the participation of young people, whose thoughts and insights are so valuable, and who remain in the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs" (*Mt 19:14*).

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Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.