

Pope Francis refers to the Synod on youth during the Christmas Greetings to the Roman Curia



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Here allow me, at this particular moment of the Church's life, to draw our attention to the forthcoming Fifteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which has as its theme *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. To call upon the Curia, the bishops and the entire Church to give particular attention to young people does not mean considering them alone. **It also means focusing on a critical theme for a combination of relationships and pressing issues**, such as intergenerational relationships, the family, pastoral work, social life, and so forth. The Preparatory Document makes this clear in its Introduction: "The Church has decided to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognize and accept the call to the fullness of life and love, and to ask young people to help her in identifying the most effective ways to announce the Good News today. By listening to young people, the Church will once again hear the Lord speaking in today's world. As in the days of Samuel (cf. *1 Sam 3:1-21*) and Jeremiah (cf. *Jer 1:4-10*), young people know how to discern the signs of our times, indicated by the Spirit. Listening to their aspirations, the Church can glimpse the world which lies ahead and the paths the Church is called to follow".

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