Address by His Eminence, Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops Hong Kong – Saturday, 13 May 2017

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I am particularly pleased to be here tonight to meet you and share with you some moments of reflection on the topic of the next Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which is scheduled for October 2018. The topic is: "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment."

I would initially like to thank His Eminence Card. John Tong, Bishop of Hong Kong for the invitation, for his hospitality and words of introduction. I am also grateful to all you, especially you young people, for coming out in such great numbers and for the warm welcome.

We started this meeting with a prayer. Dear young people, I would like to say to you that, in the Church, you should feel that you are leading characters, because you are indeed so, even though you might not realize it. You need to be aware, all of you, that you are the present and future of the Church, society and the world. This is part of your DNA, your identity as young people; to make plans, to strongly and persuasively present them and to seek to realize them, in short, to dream so that you can prophesy, as Pope Francis says, when he often cites, in your regard, the Book of Joel, in reference to generations in the sign of prophecy: "old people will dream dreams and young people shall prophesy" (Joel 3).

As a novelty and not to overly test your concentration, I have purposely composed my presentation by quoting questions which young people have asked me, earlier, in a similar gathering, questions which I am sure are of universal interest to everyone, but especially to young people. I have asked some of your number to read the questions and I shall give my response. The first question was raised by a university student.

今天晚上我深感榮幸能夠在此與你們 見面及分享一些有關下屆,即 2018 年 10 月所舉行的世界主教會議的主題『青年、 信德及聖召辨識』中所引發出來的反思。

首先我要感謝香港教區主教湯漢樞機 的邀請,當中包括他所安排的接待以及他 給我的介紹辭。此外,我也感激你們各 人,尤其是在座的青年人,能夠如此踴躍 地出席今天晚上的聚會。

(岳3)來呼籲你們要繼續預測未來。

為求作出新嘗試與及好讓你們不用費神,我特意把今次的分享重新整合,將之前在相類似的聚會中青年人曾提及過的問題來作引子,因為我相信那些問題也是普世青年的問題。在你們當中,我已經叫了好幾位把問題逐一讀出,而我亦會一一回答。當中的第一條問題是來自一名大學生。

Q. Good evening, Your Eminence, thank you for being here with us. I am a young university student. As I study and reflect on the many experiences afforded me by the university, I am seeking to understand them and incorporate them in my life and the decisions I am required to make.

The current climate and the dominant culture in our world regarding the Church and young people is not so much that young people are openly "against" the Church, but they seem to be content to live their lives "without" the Church.

My question is this: how can we resist these two extremes of being against the Church or living without the Church but choosing to be within the Church, actively participating in her life. How can I seek and find God in the people, events and experiences which I encounter as a university student and embark on a communal and mutual path of human, spiritual and cultural growth? How can my studies become the place which will make me grow and foster a culture for discerning the many wonders of God in my life? Thank you.

Without a doubt, universities are a very fertile ground for the Church's pastoral care and activity. The classrooms of universities are where tomorrow's leaders are being formed, those who, taking up the challenging legacy of a previous generation, will be called to shape the society in which we live. If, in the past, in some parts of the world, universities were sometimes places of tension, conflict and opposition against the Church, the situation today often seems to point to a certain indifference to the Church, namely, a life lived, as cited in the Preparatory Document for the next synod, without the Church. Pope Francis is well aware of this situation. Therefore, in his meeting with university students in Rome in 2013, he invited them to resist this indifference to the Church, and not allow themselves "to be fettered by weak ways of thinking and by uniform ways of thinking" or "by a globalization understood as mere uniformity" (Homily to University Students, St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, 30 November 2013).

In his documents, the Holy Father oftentimes explains these two concepts of "globalization" and "uniformity" by using the figure of a prism. A prism suggests a multiplicity of elements, which respects a unity in diversity (cf. ibid.). Unlike a sphere, "in which every edge is smoothed over and all differences disappear" (ibid.), the prism "is an expression of an 'open mind, enlightened by truth, which discerns the good and the beautiful" (ibid.).

Let us now hear from a seminarian.

問:主教晚安,感謝你今天晚上與我們在一起。我是一名大學生。每當我在大學溫習時又或嘗試從一些生活經驗中作反思的時候,我也嘗試去理解它們箇中的因由,從而讓我能夠把它們好好融入我的生命和引領我去作出適當的抉擇。

大學

畢竟在現實環境中和主流文化下,雖 然青年人並沒有公開地反對教會,但是他 們好像覺得生活中未必需要有教會的存 在。

而我要問的問題是:我們如何能抗拒這兩個極端,一方面是絕對反對教會的有會的存在,相反我們應如何把生命會的關係變得更加緊密。作為大學生的關係變得更加緊密。作為大學生的,從我所接觸到的人是我所參與的故,甚至於從我所經歷的一切,我應該如何地透過,甚至動的關係來建立一條能讓我個人靈修上和文化上的得以成長途徑呢?

我應該如何利用我的學習來構建一個 空間好讓我更加明白到天主在我的一生中 所行的奇妙善功呢?謝謝。

答:毫無疑問,大學校園的確是教會培育的優良土地。未來的主人翁就在這些大學留好人類社會所在地學習如何把從前人對社會所在地球的中學習如何把從善。若然之前在地球的,一些大學校園被用作來對抗,反對,或批判教會,時到如今那些的方都可能已經演變到對教會漢不關心之正如下屆主教會議的籌備文件中所描述到,活在那些地方確實已經完全變得沒有教會了。

教宗方濟各完全明白這個現況。因此在 2013 年,當他與一眾大學生在羅馬會面時,他提醒他們不要輕視教會生活,更「不要被一些薄弱的普世觀念所束縛」或「只追蹤一些僅僅是普遍而劃一的思維」。(<給大學生的講道>,羅馬聖伯多祿大殿,2013 年 11 月 30 日)

在教宗的文告中,他時常利用一個角柱體來解釋全球化和一體化這兩個思想概念。一個角柱體本身就包括多種的原素,而它亦是多元化的結合。一個角柱體就是代表著思想開明,追求真理和辨識秀麗和美善;它跟圓滑和毫無差異的球體是完全相反的。

就讓我們現在聆聽一個修生所問的問題。

Q. Your Eminence, I'm a young seminarian in the third year of priestly formation in a regional seminary. I recently read this in a book: "even in seminaries and formation centres of the consecrated life we find the idea that a vocation is not a permanent choice, as if to say, we'll pursue a vocation as long as we feel like doing so, then we'll see if we want to continue or seek another vocation." The existence of this idea is cited in the Preparatory Document for the synod, when it speaks of changing one's choices in life and not making definitive, life-long ones.

My question is twofold, Your Eminence: the first, what key elements must I have in mind in my formation so that my vocation might mature and be grounded in the Lord and not based on the passing character of my feelings; the second, in relation to my formators in the seminary, what criteria must a formation team follow to discern how to concentrate on the person and not regard him as a problem to be solved? Thank you!

A. The first part of your question refers to a widespread problem among young people today, namely, the difficulty in making a definitive commitment and to view every choice as reversible, even those relating to a state in life.

The Holy Father, refers to this phenomenon as a "culture of the ephemeral." Speaking to the young people on the occasion of World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, so Francis said: "In a culture of relativism and the ephemeral, many preach the importance of 'enjoying' the moment. They say that it is not worth making a life-long commitment, making a definitive decision, 'for ever', because we do not know what tomorrow will bring. I ask you, instead, to be revolutionaries, I ask you to swim against the tide; yes, I am asking you to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes you are incapable of responsibility, that believes you are incapable of true love. I have confidence in you and I pray for you. Have the courage 'to swim against the tide'" (Meeting with the Volunteers of World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro [Brazil] 28 July 2013).

We could say that the core of the invitation of the Holy Father to youth is summarized very well in this aphorism: "Who does not risk, does not walk!" (Meeting at Villa Nazareth, Rome, 18 June 2016). And if one risks and one fails, patience! Therefore, risk for noble ideals, risk "getting your hands dirty"! Confront 主教,我有個一個雙重的問題;首 先,在我的修道過程召在主內成熟地 是要的原素讓我的聖召在主內成熟地 展而,而非受制於我個人內心會轉變 情感。其次,為著我和我的神師們的關 係,我想問整個修道團體應有著哪些傳 當為團體中一個有待解決的問題呢?謝 謝!

答:你的第一條問題其實反映了現今許多 青年人所面對的困擾,他們既為要作出 永久性的承諾而感困難,同時而視每個 選擇也有可改變的可能,甚至包括那些 關係於終身的抉擇。

教宗對青年人的邀請可用以下的格言來總結「誰不冒險,就不會行走。」(在 Villa Nazareth 舉行的會議,羅馬,2016 年 6 月 18 日)若某人冒了險而跌倒,請忍耐!因為冒險才會令人投入,而又因為冒險才會孕育崇高的理想。你們必須面對問題和勇敢地打破一貫傳統的思維。「否則,你們的生命只會停滯

problems, break from pre-conceived ideas of yourself and take a risk. "Otherwise you will slowly come to a stand still; a life happy and content in a family but stalled out. It is very sad to see lives stalled out; it is very sad to see people who look more like mummies in a museum than living beings" (ibid.). It is a question of "living and not just struggling along!" (Apostolic Visit to Turin, 21 June 2015), that is, not aging prematurely and already going into retirement at 20 years old!

The second part of your question refers instead to vocational discernment, especially to the one conducted in the seminary and houses of formation. Discernment, something very dear to the Pope because it is greatly honoured in the spiritual tradition of the Society of Jesus, has to do with reading and interpreting events, signs and circumstances in life, a discernment which is done under the guidance of experts. Just as a world-class athlete requires a "personal coach" to achieve objectives and important goals, so too, those who wonder about the God's plan in their lives need personal support from experienced people.

Consequently, these guides must be attentive, thoughtful, competent, docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, far from any form of bias and conscious of being a humble instrument in the hands of the Lord. Formators, in fact, do not replace God, but are a means he uses to form those who are destined for a particular service in the kingdom of God.

We now hear from a young refugee.

A YOUNG REFUGEE

Q. Your Eminence, I'm a young man from When a person is young, he does not think of boundaries and even less of a desire to be happy and fulfilled in life. Sometimes, words such as "refugee" and "migrant" are labels that people attach to others. Many young people, especially children, are among those who are seeking safety and security in another land and wait in line in the snow just for a meagre bowl of soup. I have a wish, Your Eminence, that the approaching Synod consider the real experiences of young people, above all, in lands of violence, suffering, torture and malice.

My question is this: can you indicate some essential elements to enable us to grow in a spirit of listening to each other, so that everyone might abandon their preconceived ideas of others and listen to God who acts in each person, race, language, skin

可能會嚮往這種無憂的生命,但你們卻會迷失了方向。當人的生命失去了方向時,他們不但不再像有生命的生物,他們卻好比在博物館內的木乃伊一樣。這個情況確實是一件非常可悲的事。」箇中的主旨是「活得精彩而非活在困擾之中」。(在都靈的牧訪,2015年6月21日)換言之,不要過早老化或在二十歲時就提早退休。

因此,這些神師們本身就要耐心觀察,細心思考,勝任能幹,和溫順地遵循聖神的帶領,遠離任何偏見並完全明白到他只是一個由是天主所揀選的謙卑的工具。事實上,這些神師們不能代替上主,他們只是為天主確定那些真正被召叫為天國服務的人。

我們現在聆聽一個年青難民所提出的問題。

一個年青難民

我的問題是:你能指出一些基本要素,使我們能夠在彼此互相傾聽的精神

colour and religion. Thank you!

A. Your question and indeed your presence here help us reflect on a momentous challenge that many countries are experiencing. Among refugees and immigrants, many are young people who are oftentimes disoriented and confused, but also full of dreams and a new vitality.

Faced with this unprecedented and often tense situation, we must practice the art of receiving these people, trying to understand not only their problems but also the opportunities related to migration. We are called to overcome every form of ignorance, racism and fear of diversity, which paralyses people and prevents them from going out to meet others. I believe you young people can do a lot — and indeed you are doing it already — to create the conditions for a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society, able to overcome those fears and prejudices which cripple many adults today.

接下來是一個年輕的家庭關於養育子女的問

Next is a young family with a question on bringing up their sons and daughters.

A YOUNG FAMILY

Q. We are a young family, Your Eminence, and we wish to undertake the synodal journey so that the Church might continue to meet our needs. Oftentimes, we ask ourselves how are we to raise our children and the Pope's guidance in *Amoris laetitia*, mentioned in the Preparatory Document, are assisting us in our choices, namely, "the reality is greater than the idea." All discernment, Your Eminence, begins in the concrete realities of life.

We would like to ask this question: As a young family, in our relations with other young married couples, how are we to fulfill what we call "everyday discernment," in relationships in the family, at work, in our children's schools and in the development of choices in service of and for life?

A. Thank you for asking this question. Discernment in general and that specifically required in the raising of children is treated at length in Chapter VII of Amoris laetitia, the document which serves as a compass for everything related to the family today. The contents of this chapter seek to re-emphasize the work of raising children for their benefit. In fact, the family cannot relinquish being a place of support, accompaniment and guidance, even if the

下成長,讓每一個人都可以放棄他們對 別人先入為主想法,透過每個人,不論 他們本身的種族,語言,膚色和宗教信 仰聆聽天主的旨意。謝謝!

答:按你提出的問題以及這一刻你親身在 這裡與我們在一起都足以讓我們反思許 多國家正在經歷著的重大挑戰。在眾多 難民和移民當中,即使許多青年人都懷 著滿腔熱誠和夢想,他們卻往往迷失方 向和感到困擾。

一個年輕的家庭

題。

問:主教,我們是一個年輕的家庭,我們希望 能夠參與即將舉行的主教會議,好讓教會 可以繼續滿足我們的需要。我們經常問自 己,我們如何養育我們的孩子及在會議籌 備文件中提到的教宗在《愛的喜樂》的教 導怎樣幫助我們作出選擇,即是如何理解 「現實往往比想像中更大」。主教,你可知 道所有的聖召辨識必須從生活的具體現實 開始。

我們想問一個問題:身為一個年輕的 家庭,與其他一般年輕夫婦無異,我們如 何在家庭內,在工作上,在子女就讀的學 校內和個人發展中的一切服務和生活之間 實踐聖召辨識?

family has to rethink its methods and find new resources. The family needs to envisage what to propose to their children. In transmitting their faith (cf. AL, 287), parents should guide and prepare children and adolescents so that they know how to face difficult situations (cf. AL, 260).

Since "time is greater than space," it is a question of generating processes more than dominating space. If parents are obsessed in knowing the whereabouts of their child and seek to control their every movement, they will only seek to dominate their space. This method is not the way to raise children or to build their character or to prepare them for challenges. What is of interest is to set into motion in the child, through love, a process of maturation in freedom, preparation, integral growth and the cultivation of a genuine autonomy. Only in this way, will children possess the elements they need to know how to defend themselves and act with intelligence and foresight in difficult situations. Consequently, a major question is where is a true sense of living found; what place does it have in terms of beliefs, goals, desires and a plan of life (cf. AL, 261).

Even though parents need the school to ensure the basic education of their children, they can never fully delegate their children's moral formation. This is an essential responsibility in bringing up their children. Through their love and witness, parents instill confidence in their children and inspire in them a loving respect (cf. AL, 263). Let us remember that the first and foremost school of human values is the family, where one learns the proper use of freedom (cf. AL, 274) and the ability to wait, which consists not so much in denying one's desires as to delay their gratification so as to learn self-control and autonomy (cf. AL, 275).

們的信仰時(參見《愛的喜樂》287),父母應悉心地指導和準備兒童和青少年,以便他們知道如何克服困難的情況(參見《愛的喜樂》260)。

Let us now hear the question of a young man in secondary school.

A SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT

Q Your Eminence, as you can see here in my hand, I have a smartphone and headphones, two objects that have become almost like appendages!! Seriously speaking, however, underlying this reality are dangers and possible risks with which we need to be aware and cautious. I feel that I am product of my times, your Eminence, and oftentimes the first people who do not understand me or my peers are adults, namely, parents, priests, teachers and catechists. Your Eminence, the occasions for approaching God are limitless and not confined to those traditionally used in the past, as stated in the Preparatory Document.

My question is this: what would you say to the adults who are present this evening, above all, the priests who are responsible for our formation, so that they can relate to us on the basis of three verbs "to recognize", "to interpret" and "to choose?" And what would you say to us so that we can grow in truth and freedom? Thank you!

A. I'll immediately respond to the first part of your question, the one about the priests and educators.

"To recognize", "to interpret" and "to choose." These three verbs, taken from the Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium*, summarize the essence of "vocational discernment." "Life's journey requires decision-making, because a person cannot remain indefinitely in uncertainty." This gives rise to the importance of accompanying young people in a personal way, which is not so much a "theory about discernment" as it is the ability to "promote a relationship between the person and God, and providing assistance in removing what might hinder it." This fundamentally differentiates accompaniment, discernment and psychological support.

"To recognize" is to look within oneself; "to interpret" is to see what is both positive and negative; "to choose" is to make a decision for the good.

In addition, three other verbs are also found in *Evangelii gaudium*, namely, "to go out", "to see," and "to call," which were placed at the centre of the third and final part of the Preparatory Document in an attempt to answer the central question of the text: "what does it mean for the Church to accompany young people to respond to their calling to the joy of the Gospel, especially in a time marked by uncertainty, instability and insecurity?" I strongly urge you to go read it and, above all, to treasure it in

一名中學生

問:主教,正如你可以在這裡看到的,我手中正好握著有一部智能手提電話和一副耳機,這兩件物件幾乎已變成我身體上不可或缺的部份!然而,認真地說,這個現實的確有意潛在的危險和風險,我們需要謹慎地,而不是教明我是這個時代的就那些成而一批最不了解我和我的同輩人就那些成而一批最不了解我和我的同輩人就那些成和人,又即是我們的父母,神父們,教師和年人,又即是我們的父母,神父們,教師和年傳導者。主教,正如在主教會議的籌備文件所述,能夠接觸到天主的地方應該是無限的,不僅限於過去傳統上所確定的地方。

我的問題是這樣的:主教你如何對今天 晚上出席聚會的成年人,尤其是當中的司鐸 們,給他們解釋如何可以利用以下的三個動 詞「認識」,「解釋」和「選擇」來說明對我 們的信仰培育呢?謝謝!

答:我即時回答你問題的第一部分,關於司祭 們和教育者的問題。

其實這三個動詞,即是「認識」,「解釋」和「選擇」,本身是取自於教宗的宗徒勸諭《福音的喜樂》中有關辨識聖召的總結。「人生的旅程就需要作出決策,因為一個人總不能保持無限期的不確定性。」這樣必會激發起與青年人同行的重要性,當中這不僅只是「促進人與天主之間的關係」它可是讓青年人辨識其本身的聖召並排除一切可能職在的一方。這根本上已區分了同行,辨別和心理支持的不同範疇。

「認識」是指看看自己本身;「解釋」是 分別甚麼是正面和負面;「選擇」是為了自 己做出好的決定。

在《福音的喜樂》中除了這三個動詞之外,還有其餘的三個新的動詞,即「探索」,「探視」和「呼喚」。這三個動詞在主教會議中的準備文件內的第三部分和最後部分之中都有所提及過。「其實教會與青年人回應對福音喜樂而一起同行是什麼意思呢?尤其在這個充滿不確定性,不穩定性和不安全性的時代?」我強烈地敦促你去閱讀這份檔案並把箇中最重要的道理與你的孩子分享。

「探索」就是去除給別人的無形標籤, 「探視」就是和青年人在一起,聽聽他們的 個人故事,「呼喚」是重新喚醒慾望,把別 relating to your children.

"To go out" is to abandon a "mentality" which pigeonholes people, "to see" is to spend time with young people so as to hear their personal stories and "to call" is to reawaken desires, to free people from what might hold them captive and to ask questions which have no ready-made answers. Let us give no mind to improvisation and incompetence, what is needed are "trustworthy adults, authoritative believers, with a clear human identity and a strong affiliation to the Church." Obviously the role of families in teaching and raising children is "irreplaceable"; priests and educators offer only assistance, an important assistance indeed and a concerned and useful assistance, but only an assistance.

Now I'll respond to the second part of your question. In one of his meetings with university students in Rome, Pope Francis made an impassioned call to you, young people: "Don't let people steal your youthful enthusiasm!" Enthusiasm results from pursuing high ideals, having and proposing good ideas and achieving lofty goals.

人從困惑中釋放出來並解答他們沒有預設答 案的問題。讓我們不須憂慮即興和無知的問題,相反我們需要成為能給青年人可值得信 賴的成年人,虔誠的信徒,具有正直人格和 對教會有緊密關係的人。當然家庭必定是教 育和養育子女方面不可取代的重要角色與 父和教育工作者只提供援助。而這種援助的 即使有何重要它都只是給予一種援助的角 色。

現在我回答你問題的第二部分。當教宗 方濟各與一眾大學生在羅馬會面時,他對那 些青年人致以熱烈的呼籲:「不要讓別人偷 走你們年輕的熱情!」青年人應繼續追求崇 高的理想,擁有和倡議更佳的想法,因為這 一切都是出自其本身的熱情。

Next is a young disabled person.

A DISABLED YOUNG PERSON

Q. Your Eminence, good evening. There is a verb which I would like to point out to you and all the people present here this evening. The verb is "to go out." From your puzzled faces, I understand that some of you are working within the framework of a rigid system and outlook, and, therefore, in your mind have pigeonholed me in a class of persons who are disadvantaged. You need not speak, I can see it in your eyes.

I want to ask Your Eminence: do you not believe that the time has come to consider weakness, disability and frailty as objects of vocational discernment, namely, beginning with this imperfect condition of the human nature of each of us as the very place where God is workings, acting and creating? Otherwise, how can Paul say, "when I am weak, then I am strong?" Thank you!

A. Thank you for your question and indicating the verb "to go out", meaning to abandon pre-conceived and long-accepted ideas! Pope Francis spoke of a "throw-away culture." He said: "there is something vile in this adherence to the throw-away culture. But we are accustomed to throwing people away.

接下來是一個年輕的殘疾人士。

一個年輕的殘疾人士

問:主教晚安。我必需明確地為你和所有在場的人士指出在今天晚上曾提及過的一個動詞。這個動詞就是「探索」。從你們那困惑的表情之中,我明白你們中的一些人是仍被困在僵硬的制度和框架內工作的,因此,在你心目中,我早已被標籤為一個弱勢者。你們確不需要開聲說話,我可以在你們的眼中看到這一切。

主教,我想問你:現在是否時機成熟把弱勢,殘疾和病弱者都看作為辨識聖召的條件嗎?換句話說,即使我們每個人有著各種不健全的狀態,天主卻為可不利用我們各人的長處為祂在世上繼續履行祂的旨意呢?否則,聖保祿如何說過,「當我軟弱的時候,我便是堅強的呢?」謝謝!

答:感謝您的問題,並指出那個動詞「探索」 的意思是放棄預先設想和長期接受的想法! 教宗方濟各曾提及到一個「掉棄的文化」。 他說:「這個堅持扔掉的文化確實不好。但 我們卻習慣於把別人扔掉。我們希望可以消 除我們不斷增長的弱點和減低我們對自己本 We want to remove our growing fear of weakness and vulnerability; but by doing so we increase in the elderly [and the weak] the anxiety of being poorly tolerated and neglected" (Wednesday General Audience, 4 March 2015).

However "each of us, sooner or later, is called to face – at times painfully – frailty and illness, both our own and those of others. [...] Human nature, wounded by sin, is marked by limitations. We are familiar with the objections raised, especially nowadays, to a life characterized by serious physical limitations. It is thought that sick or disabled persons cannot be happy, since they cannot live the lifestyle held up by the culture of pleasure and entertainment. In an age when care for one's body has become an obsession and a big business, anything imperfect has to be hidden away, since it threatens the happiness and serenity of the privileged few and endangers the dominant model. Such persons should best be kept apart, in some 'enclosure' - even a gilded one - or in "islands" of pietism or social welfare, so that they do not hold back the pace of a false well-being. In some cases, we are even told that it is better to eliminate them as soon as possible, because they become an unacceptable economic burden in time of crisis. Yet what an illusion it is when people today shut their eyes in the face of sickness and disability! They fail to understand the real meaning of life, which also has to do with accepting suffering and limitations. The world does not become better because only apparently 'perfect' people live there – I say "perfect" rather than 'false' - but when human solidarity, mutual acceptance and respect increase. How true are the words of the Apostle: 'God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong' (1 Cor 1:27)!"

"The happiness that everyone desires, [which is the purpose of discernment], can be expressed in any number of ways and attained only if we are capable of loving. This is the way [...] Our experience of illness and disability is an index of the love we are ready to offer. The way we face suffering and limitation is the measure of our freedom to give meaning to life's experiences, even when they strike us as meaningless and unmerited. Let us not be disturbed, then, by these tribulations (cf. 1 Thess 3:3).). We know that in weakness we can become strong (cf. 2 Cor 12:10)" (Jubilee of the Sick and Disabled People, 12 June 2016).

身軟弱性的恐懼;但就是這樣的做法,我們 卻增加了對老年人和弱勢者的忽視和焦慮。 (教宗的週三公開接見,2015年3月4日)

然而,「我們每個人遲早,甚至於有時 候會非常痛苦地,都要面對我們自己和其他 人的軟弱和疾病……受原罪的傷害,人的本 性是有限制的。我們對於別的生活方式相當 熟悉,尤其是於現今的時代對身體有著嚴重 殘缺的人的限制。我們總是認為病弱者或殘 疾人士不能活得快樂,因為他們不能享受任 何娱樂的生活方式。當現今社會都崇尚大企 業和過份著重個人外表的情況的大環境下, 任何不完美的東西都不得不隱藏起來,因為 它們卻威脅到那些少數特權人士的幸福和寧 靜,更會危及到箇中的主導模式。在社會福 利容許的情況下,不管是奢華的或者在孤島 上,這些人士最好被放進一些封閉的地方, 好讓他們被分隔開來,以免他們阻礙整個社 會環境的進步。在某些更特殊的情况下,我 們甚至會遇到一些情況要求最好盡快將他們 消除,因為他們的存在實在為整個經濟體系 上加重了不可接受的負擔。然而,今天當人 們面對疾病和殘疾前卻閉上眼睛時,這實在 是一種掩耳盜鈴的處事方法。他們完全不了 解生命的真正義意,因為生命就是要接受痛 苦和限制。這個世界不會因為只有完美的人 住在那裡而變得更好。請注意我用上「完 美」而不是「虚假」的形容詞。當有一天人 類終於團結起來,相互接受和尊重時,這個 世界才會變得更完美。宗徒曾經說過:「天 主偏召選了世上愚妄的,為羞辱那有智慧 的。」(格前 1:27)

「只有我們有能力去愛,每個人所渴望的歡欣和幸福都可以用許多方式來表達,而這亦是辨識聖召的目的了。我們的病弱和殘疾的經驗是給予我們去愛的最好準備。即使我們要面對無意義的苦難和限制,它們卻是衡量我們對自由生活經驗的意義。那麼我們不要因為這些苦難而受到干擾。(參閱歌上3:3)我們知道當我們軟弱時,我們可以變得更強壯。(參閱哥前12:10)(病患傷發者之慈悲禧年慶祝,2016年6月12日)

Part II

1) The choice of the topic of youth for the Synod of 2018

The choice of topic, dear young people, is the result of an extensive consultation process, which began with a request for topics during the final days of the preceding Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, held in October 2015. The next stage was contacting the customary Church bodies for their suggestions, namely, the episcopal conferences, the Eastern Catholic Churches sui juris, the Department heads of the Roman Curia and the Union of Superiors General. The Holy Father also wanted to consult the cardinals in a consistory celebrated in June 2016. Finally, taking all the suggestions into consideration and the cardinals' recommendation, the Pope decided to choose for treatment at the next synod the topic of youth, with the following formulation: "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment."

In conjunction with the 15-member Ordinary
Council resulting from the previous synod, a Preparatory
Document was prepared, made public on 13 January and
subsequently widely distributed in various ways. This
document, in 6 languages, can be found on the Vatican
website, vatican.va, and then clicking on the entry
"Synod of Bishops." The document was published with a
Letter from the Holy Father addressed to young people,
which I hope all of you have read and take to heart. In
this letter, the Pope indicated that the Preparatory
Document and its Questions are part of the preparation
for the Synod, which will provide valuable information in
drafting the document which will determine the points
of discussion at the synodal assembly.

The basis and importance of the topic of youth, proposed by the Church for the Synod, can be traced back a few decades, even you were born, to the watershed event of the Second Vatican Council, held in the years 1962-1965.

2) Young people and the Church from Vatican II to Pope Francis

Ever since the Second Vatican II, young people have received great attention by the Church. Pope Paul VI, in closing Vatican II, addressed a Message to Young People, which was a particularly significant sign of his concern. In the course of the Message, he said: "you, young people, [...] will form the society of tomorrow: you will save yourselves or perish with it. [...] May the society which you are going to build, respect the dignity, the freedom, the right of persons; you, yourselves are these persons. [...] "Enthusiastically build a better world than the present one, [rather than] give free rein to the tendencies of violence and hatred, which cause wars and their sad trail of misery."

Continuing the spirit of Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II also showed a particular love and concern for young people

第二部份

1) 2018 年主教會議所訂立的主題

因為「青年」這個議題本身具備重要性,所以把這個議題作為主教會議的主題,可追溯到早於數十年在 1962 至1965 年之間所舉行的第二屆梵蒂岡大公會議。

2) 從梵二到教宗方濟各看青年人與教會的 關係

延續教宗保祿六世的精神,教宗若望保祿二世也對年青人表達出特別眷顧和關

to the point of instituting the now-popular "World Youth Day." This event has helped form a class of people who are customarily called the "John Paul II Generation." The Pope's sharing in his encounters with young people produced a strong sense of "belonging" to a group and, then, to the Church. In fact, the Pope's aim, through his words and gestures, was to make young people feel that they are part of a family which the Pope has near-at-heart. In large gatherings and in local parishes, John Paul II displayed the Church's pastoral care for the young and, in his person, as the one who brings young people into communion and unity with the entire Church. The Pope also encouraged young people to actively participate in the life of the Church, because — he said — "the Church needs young people." At the same time, he also told young people that they themselves are the Church and stressed the importance of recognizing this fact and working together. He stressed that young people must become aware that pastoral care is not intended solely for them, but that they themselves are the agents of pastoral care to their peers and to others, in general.

In addition to the World Youth Day, Pope John Paul II, deeply moved by the renewed interest in pilgrimages, saw in them one of the signs of life in young people, telling them: "In the world today there is a revival of the practice of going on pilgrimage, especially among the youth. Today, you are among those more inclined to experience a pilgrimage as a 'way' to interior renewal, to a deepening of faith, a strengthening of the sense of communion and solidarity with your brothers and sisters and as a help in discovering your personal vocation" (Message for the IV World Youth Day, 1988 Vatican City). He also saw in this renews practice what was affirmed at the Second Vatican Council, namely, that the Church is the People of God on pilgrimage towards the future and abiding city (cf. LG, 9). In fact, the value of pilgrimages is mainly the experience of going forth as a pilgrim people, bearing the strong features of one's culture. Going forth is an expression of a progressive advance towards communion, which, while not excluding anyone from the Church, invites all, nevertheless, go forth towards the all-transcendent end, which is heaven.

3) Youth and daring-heroism (venturing forth from preconceived ideas)

Today, the term "heroism" is used almost exclusively to describe the actions of rescue workers, namely, those who put their lives in jeopardy to save others and not, as in the past, the actions of a weapon-yielding knight. Upon his return from his apostolic visit to Africa, Pope Francis spoke of finding a renewed and particularly strong sense of witness. He exhorted his listeners to bring "the words of hope of Jesus [...] words that are lived each day by many humble and simple people, with noble dignity. They are words witnessed to in a tragic and heroic way by the young people" (General Audience, 2 December 2015). This is another form of heroism, one which goes beyond preconceived ideas that give a false sense of comfort and

心,他更開創了一項新的傳統「普世青年 節」。透過這項活動一群被稱為「若望保 禄二世的世代 | 也組織起來。藉教宗與年 青人的分享和交往過程中,他讓青年人感 到一種強烈的歸屬感,更好讓他們對教會 的事更加在意。事實上,教宗的目的是透 過他的言辭和舉動,讓年青人覺得他們與 教宗更加親近,好像家庭般的一樣。不論 在大型聚會中或本地教會內,若望保祿二 世向年青人表達了教會對年青人的牧養, 而他更是把年青人和整個教會融合在一起 的人。教宗也鼓勵年輕人積極參與教會的 生活,正如他說過:「教會需要年青人」。 同時他也告訴年青人,他們自己本身就是 教會,並強調這一切都是事實,而他也會 與年青人共同合作建立這教會。他又強 調,年青人必須意識到,教會為他們的牧 養和關懷不僅僅是為了他們,他們自己本 身也要向同輩和其他人提供相關的教養。

除了普世青年節之外,教宗若望保祿 二世也因為朝聖活動的復興而感動。因為 他注意到這些活動是年青人的生活目標之 一,所以他更告訴他們:「今天在世界 上,尤其是在青年人之間,朝聖也開始復 興起來。今天,你們將朝聖化作成你們更 新內心的新途徑,讓你們深化信仰,加強 與弟兄姐妹間的交往和團結,並幫助發掘 你們個人職業的興趣」。(第四屆普世青年 節文告,1988年梵蒂岡城)透過這些復興 的朝聖活動,他確實在梵二中所確認的情 況也實踐起來,即教會本身就是一班天主 的子民朝著將會來臨的天國邁進。(參見 LG9)。事實上,朝聖的中心價值主要是朝 聖者的個人經歷,當中也具有強烈的文化 原素。朝聖代表著邁向共融的途徑,它不 但不排除教會內任何人士的參與,它更誠 邀所以人邁步向前直至到達預許的天國。

青年和英雄主義(從預設的想法出發)

security. Instead, as Pope Francis says in his Letter to Young People: "The heavenly Father invites you to 'go', to set out towards a future which is unknown but one which will surely lead to fulfilment, a future towards which he himself accompanies you" (Letter to Young People, 13 January 2017). To "go out" requires strength, hope and courage. It also demands that young people not give up too guickly nor lose their enthusiasm and become bored with life. Above all, this renewed outlook and way of acting requires a heart which is free and capable of sacrifice, as suggested in the Beatitudes which Jesus left us as a blue print to follow in our lives. Indeed, "Jesus does not say: 'Happy are those who have a good time of it', but rather: 'Happy are those who can suffer for the pain of others'" (Apostolic Visitation to Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay, 12 July 2015). "If you do not allow yourselves to be conditioned by prevailing opinions, but rather remain faithful to Christian ethical and religious principles, you will find the courage to go against the tide. In a globalized world, you will be able to contribute to saving particular traits and characteristics, seeking however not to lower your ethical standards" (Homily to University Students in Rome, St. Peter's Basilica, 30 November 2013).

This call to "be counter-cultural" is a constant refrain between Pope Francis and young people. On the occasion of the celebration of World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, the Pope's first encounter with great numbers of young people, he was already insisting on this subject. You Chinese are famous for your many wise proverbs and sayings. The following one comes to mind in the Holy Father's thinking: "Only dead fish in a river always go in the direction of the current." This pearl of wisdom always needs to be borne in mind. Only "live fish" know how to swim against the current, even if it is risky.

它的確超越了預先設想的想法,給人一種 虚假的安慰和安全感。相反,正如教宗方 濟各在他給「青年人的信」中所提及到: 「天主正邀請你去探索一個未知的未來, 但這個未來一定在不久的將來出現,而祂 自己也會伴隨著你到這個未來。」(致青 年人的信,2017年1月13日)要去「探 索」其實是需要力量,希望和勇氣。同樣 也要求青年人不要太快放棄,也不要因無 聊的生活而失去當初的熱忱。最重要還是 在面對這種史無前例的環境下,青年人必 須要有願意犧牲的心態和一股崇尚自由的 能力,又正如耶穌在真福八端中已經給予 我們一生要跟隨的藍本一樣。事實上,耶 穌未說過:「過著無憂無慮的人真是有 福。」相反祂說:「為義而受迫害的人是 有福的」。(厄瓜多爾、玻利維亞和巴拉圭 的牧訪,2015年7月12日)如果你不允 許自己受到普世意見而同化,相反地你能 夠保持忠於教會對道德和宗教上的原則, 你便會發現你有勇氣反對潮流。在這個全 球化的世界中,若你不降低你的道德標 準,你這樣的貢獻就是見證著那獨特的特 質了」。(給羅馬大學生的講道,羅馬,聖 伯多祿大殿,2013年11月30日)

這個「反對文化」的呼籲是教宗方濟各不斷向青年人的訓誨。在巴西里約熱宗為盡慶祝的普世青年節當中,教宗第一次惠到了那麼多的青年人,而他也多諺語和少國人有許多諺語和與一國人有許多諺語和與一國人有許多諺語和與一個人有許多。」這句說話的智慧就是『活魚』才知道如何逆流迎上如何克服風險。

4) The synodal initiative: the Church listening to young people

With the upcoming synod, Pope Francis wants to engage young people in making history. In fact, he purposely penned a Letter to Young People, dated 13 January, announcing the Synod on young people and recommending that young people read the Preparatory Document as an effective tool in its preparation. He refers to this document as a "compass" in the journey leading up to the synod. Some of you have already read this Letter; to others, I would suggest reading it and taking it to heart. This reading will also help you to better understand the contents of the Preparatory Document and what the Synod will be for you.

So, dear young people, have you understood that the

4) 主教議會中的倡議:教會需聆聽年輕人

所以,親愛的青年人,你是否明白了教宗

Pope is with you and wants to accompany and follow you? You must be the leading characters in this Synod especially in its preparation and activities on the local level, in dioceses, movements, associations and youth groups.

真的和你在一起,並且陪伴跟著你們呢?透過 在不同層面的活動,包括本地教會或在教區內 或社動中或青年團體的準備,你們是這個大會 的主角。

The synod topic is "Young People, the Faith and Vocational 世界主教會議的主題是「青年,信德與聖召辨 Discernment."

"Young people". When I say "Young", I am referring to all young people on the earth, not just Catholics and Christians, but also those belonging to all faiths and beliefs, even non-believers, regardless of race, color, and social condition.

"Faith" is the person of Jesus. Everything is in him. "Discernment" is the tool needed in knowing,

evaluating and finally making a decision for life, under the direction of a knowledgeable and trusted guide.

"Vocational" means a choice of life which requires a commitment, whether it be marriage, priesthood, the consecrated life, volunteer work, charitable work, etc.

"Youth, the Faith and Vocational Discernment" are interconnected and constitute the elements needed to make a real and effective choice in life, one which can lead a person to the much-sought-after goal of happiness. What do young people want more than happiness? On the other hand, everyone, no matter what their age, wants to be happy. Pope Francis said to the volunteers of World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, "have the courage to be happy!" (Address to Volunteer-Workers, World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro [Brazil] 28 July 2013). This expression is quite powerful, intriguing and soul-searching. Happy? Certainly! We all want to be happy, but the Pope says that we must have the courage to be happy. Such happiness, then, is not as simple and obvious as a laugh and a pleasant evening in a discotheque."

What is the foundational element in achieving this happiness? Pope Francis answers that question by saying that it is faith in Jesus. Despite what is often believed or said, "Faith is no refuge for the fainthearted, but something which enhances our lives" (Lumen fidei, 53). Faith, once it is embraced — as Pope Francis told young Argentinians at World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro — "helps everyone discover their vocation to love which has its foundation in God's faithfulness." This faith needs to be pondered and lived and not to be a simple hodge-podge of pious sayings and sentiments. The Holy Father, in a series of images, insists: "We dilute fruit drinks — orange, apple, or banana juice — but please do not drink a diluted form of faith. Faith is whole and entire, not something that you water down. It is faith in Jesus. It is faith in the Son of God made man, who loved me and who died for me." (Address to Young People from Argentina, World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro [Brazil] 25 July 2013).

During this synodal journey, the Church will attempt to listen to you young people and take into account your needs, your faith, your concerns and even your criticisms.

「青年」。當我說「青年」時,我指的是世 上的所有青年人,當中不僅僅是天主教徒和基 督徒,也是屬於所有宗教人士,甚至是非信 徒,更加不論種族,膚色,或社會狀況如何。

「信徳」就是耶穌的本人。一切都屬於 他。

「辨識」是經過深思熟慮和指導下,用來 為生命中的一些選舉作假引證,評估和決定時 所需的工具。

「聖召」是指需要承諾的生活選擇,無論 是婚姻,司鐸,獨身生活,志願工作,或慈善 工作等。

「青年,信德與聖召辨識」本身就是相互 關聯而構成人生中真正有效選擇所需要的元 素。它可以引導人們追求幸福的目標。對青年 人來說有什麼比幸福快樂更重要呢?在另一方 面,無論任何年齡,每個人都想要幸福快樂。 教宗方濟各向里約熱內盧普世青年節的義工 話:「勇於開心吧!」(給普世青年節義工的講 辭,巴西里約熱內盧,2013年7月28日)這 句說話相當有力,它同時又據有豐富的感染力 讓聆聽者探索箇中的理由。幸福快樂?當然悅 納!我們當然悅納幸福快樂,但教宗方濟各卻 提醒我們必須要有勇氣才可悅納。那麼這樣的 幸福快樂並不像迪斯科舞廳內的笑聲和愉快的 夜晚那麼簡單了。

要實現這幸福快樂的基本要素是什麼? 教宗方濟各簡單直接地道出這就是在主內 的望德。儘管他人經常認為或解說,「信仰對於 一個虛心的人來說並不是避難所,而是一種為 了滿全生活的東西」(信德之光 53)。可是教宗 方濟各在里約熱內盧的普世青年節就告訴年輕 的阿根廷人說,信仰一旦被悅納 「它必定會幫 助每個人發現自己內心對愛的召叫,而這是基 於對天主信德的基礎。」這種信德當然需要被 思考才可實踐,而它卻不是一個簡單又虛構的 謠言。教宗又利用一系列的圖像解釋說:「我們 會稀釋果汁飲品,包括橙汁,蘋果汁或香蕉 汁,但請不要喝稀釋你們的信德。信德必須是 是完整無缺的,而不是可稀釋的東西。我信耶 穌是天主子, 祂愛我甚至為我而死 1。(給阿根 廷青年人的話,2013年7月25日,巴西里約 熱內盧普世青年節)

在這次會議的籌備過程之中,教會將嘗試 聆聽你們青年人的聲音,並會考慮到你們的要

Therefore, please make your voice heard; let it resonate in your communities and among your pastors and bishops. At World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Pope Francis asked the young people present to "make noise," to make themselves heard in their dioceses, to go into the streets and to defend themselves "from everything worldly, everything static, everything comfortable, everything to do with clericalism, everything that might make us closed in on ourselves" (Address to Young People from Argentina, World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro [Brazil] 25 July 2013). In short, you young people have an extraordinary opportunity to go into action and have your say.

求,你們的信德,你們的疑慮,甚至你們的批 評聲音。所以請你們盡量發聲;讓你們在社區 內與司鐸和主教之間產生共鳴。在里約熱內盧 舉行的普世青年節中,教宗方濟各要求當地內 青年人發聲,讓他們的聲音傳遍整個教區, 為一街角,來保護自己免於從世俗的一切事 物來把我們自己關閉起來。」。(給阿根廷青年 人的話,巴西里約熱內盧普世青年節, 是 2013年7月25日)換言之,你們年輕 個非凡的機會去採取行動並發表言論。

5) Roll up your sleeves!

It's time to roll up our sleeves! All of us must understand, — the young and those who are not so young, laity and clergy, those far and near — the importance of this synod which we are preparing at this stage. I appeal to everyone to take an active part and not ignore the opportunity to be involved, when Jesus is definitely calling us to collaborate in his work. The Holy Father calls out: "Today I ask you: Who do you want to be? [...] Tell me: are you one of those who wash their hands, who feign ignorance and look the other way? [...] Jesus is looking at you now and is asking you: do you want to help me carry the Cross? Brothers and sisters, with all the strength of your youth, how will you respond to him?" (Way of the Cross, Copacabana, Brazil, 26 July 2013).

To know that God requires our active and courageous collaboration gives us great confidence and security in facing the challenges of the present moment. In fact, "You know, dear young university students, that we cannot live without facing challenges, without responding to challenges. Whoever does not face challenges, whoever does not take up challenges, is not living" (Homily at Vespers with University Students of Rome, St. Peter's Basilica, 30 November 2013). Therefore I tell you; get involved in life's many challenges, namely, with those who ask your assistance in life, in development, in the fight for the dignity of persons, in the fight against poverty, in the fight for values and the many other struggles which we encounter every day (cf. ibid.).

This evening, dear young people, in preparing for the Synod, the Lord asks you once more to become leading characters in serving the Church; the Lord wants you to respond to the needs and sufferings of humanity; the Lord wants you to be a sign of his merciful love in our times! (cf. The Way of the Cross, World Youth Day, Krakow [Poland], 29 July 2016). In short, he wants your participation and support in witnessing to the Gospel of hope to your peers (cf. Meeting with Asian Youth, Shrine in Solmoe, Korea, 15 August 2014). The Church needs you! It needs enthusiasm; it needs creativity; and it needs joy, all of which is a part of being young. Pope Francis often repeats it in speaking with young people: "Do you know what the best tool is for

5) 準備行動吧

親愛的青年人,在今天晚上我們便開始 為大會做準備工作了,天主再一次問你們是 否成為服務教會的主角?天主希望你們能回 應人類現今的需要和痛苦;天主希望你們能回 我們這個時代成為祂成為仁慈和愛的標記! (參見苦路禮儀,波蘭克拉科夫普世青年 節,2016年7月29日)換言之,祂希望你們會 翻躍地參與和支持,向你們的景會 國松山聖地,2014年8月15日。教會需要 你們!她需要一群充滿熱情,充滿創造力, evangelizing the young? Another young person. This is the path for all of you to follow!" (Homily, World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro [Brazil] 28 July 2013). Consequently, the Church does not want to deprive herself of the strength of your hands or your minds, much less many talents (cf. Homily, Vespers, 31 December 2016).

Following the example of St. Paul who drew on an image taken from sports (cf. 1 Cor 9: 24-26), the Pope referred to a "soccer team". For him, Jesus asks us to "play on his team" and to "work as a team." What does a player do when he is asked to be a part of a team? He must train and keep at it! He must also be able to be an active part of the team and share the work with other players. Our life as the Lord's disciples is the same, the happy life. For us, the only "price" to pay is to train in "being fit," and to confidently face life's many situations by witnessing to our faith as true "athletes of Christ!" Our world today, more than ever, needs young people who are fully equipped, because the times in which we live require active players, not those who sit on the sidelines. Today's world is asking young people to be leading characters in these historic times, because life is beautiful, as long as we live it, as long as we want to leave a mark (cf. Prayer Vigil, World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro [Brazil] 27 July 2013). We must go forward, not as part-time Christians but full-time Christians. "Three ideas: Go, do not be afraid, and serve. Go, do not be afraid, and servelain. If you follow these three ideas, you will experience that the one who evangelizes is evangelized, the one who transmits the joy of faith receives more joy" (Homily, World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro [Brazil], 28 July 2013).

6) The next stages

In a real sense, what needs to be done now? What are the next steps to take? What are the next stages in the synodal journey?

Firstly, I would ask all of you to make use of the Pope's Letter and the Preparatory Document, along with whatever might be available on the synod, to assist you in proceeding on this synodal journey.

Secondly, work at every level to generate interest and enthusiasm in diocesan, parish and civic initiatives.

Afterwards, collect material and experiences, which have resulted, for submission to the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops for use in the drafting of the Instrumentum Laboris, the document containing the points of discussion during the synodal assembly in 2018.

In addition, keep your eye out at the General

充滿喜悅的人,而你們就恰好有齊以上所有的要求。教宗方濟各經常與青年人談話時重複:「你知道哪是為青年人傳福音最好的一個渠道嗎?就是用另一個年輕人作橋樑。這應當是所有人遵循的方法!」(巴西里約熱內盧普世青年節,2010年7月28日)。就是如此,教會不想剝奪你們本身的才華。(晚禱講道,2016年12月31日)。

按照聖保祿採用體育運動員的形象作榜 樣,(參見哥前9:24-26),教宗指那榜樣為 出了一隊足球隊。對於他而言,耶穌邀請我 們成為那足球隊隊員之一並要通力合作。當 我們被邀請成為一個團隊的一份子時,我們 應該要做什麼呢?我們當然要接受訓練!我 們同時也必須與其他隊員一同積極參與和合 作,又要與其他隊員分工合作。我們身為基 督徒的生活也是一樣的。對於我們而言,唯 一的付出就是接受合適的訓練,並面對我們 面前各式各樣對信仰衝擊的事項才能成為真 正基督的運動員!今天我們的世界比以往任 何時候都需要已裝備好的青年人,因為我們 的現世代需要積極的參與者,而不是坐在旁 邊的旁觀者。今天的世界正在要青年人在這 個歷史時刻站出來成為領導人物,因為只要 我們能繼續活下去,留下我們的印記,生命 才會變得更美麗的。(參見 普世青年節祈禱 晚會,巴西里約熱內盧,2013年7月27 日)在我們想繼續前進之時,我們必須要成 為一個全職的基督徒而非一個兼職的基督 徒。我有「三個想法:勇往直前,不要害 怕,為他人服務。勇往直前,不要害怕,為 他人服務。如果你遵循這三個想法,你必然 會體會到當你傳福音時你也被傳福音了,當 傳遞信德時你會得到更多的快樂。」(參見 普世界青節講道,巴西里約熱內盧,2013年 7月28日)

6) 下一步

在現實的情況下,有甚麼事情是刻不容 緩呢?接下來的下一步又是什麼呢?議會後 的下一個階段是什麼?

首先,我會再次邀請你們所有人好好利 用教宗的信和會議的籌備文件,以及在會議 上將出的任何文件,以協助你們準備進入這 個會議之中。

其次,在各級工作會議中,不論在教 區,堂區或公民社會中產生對相關事情的興 趣和輿論。之後,再收集相關的資訊和採納 廣泛的經驗,提交給主教大會總秘書處,好 讓所有的東西可用於起草工作文件,而該文 件將會在 2018 年大會期間成立討論的焦點。

此外,請你們留意總秘書處的網站並填

Secretariat website for a questionnaire which you can fill out online. The data collected on this site will be of great help in drafting the second Preparatory Document, called the InstrumentumLaboris or "work-document," which will be the centre of discussion at the synod. The contributions from individuals, groups and associations, in addition to the special responses from episcopal bodies, will ensure that this document faithfully reflects, more or less, the situation and the challenges of young people today. In this regard, the Holy Father made an urgent appeal to young people: "Please, don't leave it to others to be the protagonists of change. You are the ones who hold the future! You ... Through you the future is fulfilled in the world. I ask you also to be protagonists of this transformation. Continue to overcome apathy, offering a Christian response to the social and political anxieties, which are arising in various parts of the world. I ask you to be builders of the world, to work for a better world. [...] Dear young people, please, don't be observers of life, but get involved!" (Prayer Vigil, World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro [Brazil] 27 July 2013). This is indeed a challenge. However, if you do not give the best in you, nothing will change. Consequently, in some way, God is inviting you to dream; he wants you to see that the world can become a different place (cf. Prayer Vigil, World Youth Day, Krakow [Poland], 30 July 2016)

Dream great things; dream that things can be different. In this regard, Pope Francis jokingly said that people have two eyes, one of flesh and the other of glass. "With the eye of flesh, we see what is in front of us; with the eye of glass, we see what we dream of." (Address to Students, Cuba, 20 September 2015). Dreaming big things also means leaving your mark onlife, a mark that makes history, which characterizes your personal story and the personal story of others. Jesus calls you to leave a positive imprint (cf. Prayer Vigil, World Youth Day, Krakow [Poland], 30 July 2016) and to avoid a death-trap, namely, the illusion of a false freedom which sweeps a person up in passing fads and novelties (cf. Prayer Vigil, World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro [Brazil] 27 July 2013).

Finally, in all of this, risks always exist — I call it the "Jeremiah syndrome" (Jer 1:6) —which tempts people to shy away from making a commitment, with the excuse of a lack of experience and ability, convinced that they are unsuitable instruments due to their low self-esteem. We must be convinced in our heart that God loves us as we are and that, in his eyes, we have a priceless value, which no sin, fault or mistake will ever change. God counts on us for who we are, not for what we did or did not do in the past (cf. Homily, World Youth Day, Krakow [Poland], 31 July 2016). In this regard, Pope Francis said during the prayer Vigil in Krakow: "When the Lord calls us, he doesn't worry about what we are, what we have been, or what we have done or not done. Quite the opposite. When he calls us, he is thinking about everything we have to give, all the love we are capable of spreading. His bets are on the future, on

寫一份網上問卷。經這個在網站所收集的數 據將有助於起草第二份會議的工作文件,這 份文件將會成為會議的討論焦點。憑個人, 團體和相關單位所給予的資料,這份工作文 件最終或多或少都會如實地反映今天的青年 人的處境和所面對的挑戰。因此,教宗緊急 地呼籲青年人:「請不要錯失這個推動變革的 機會。你們是擁抱未來的人!透過你們,未 來的世界才得到實現。我也要求你們成為這 個轉變中的主角。你們要繼續克服冷漠,為 基督宗教對世界各地出現的社會和政治焦慮 作出反應。我要求你們成為世界的建設者, 為更美好的世界而努力。 …… 尊敬的青年 人,請不要做生命中的旁觀員,而是參與 者! | (普世青年節守夜祈禱會,巴西里約熱 內盧,2013年7月27日)這的確實是一個 巨大的挑戰。但是,如果你們不給予最好 的,那麼什麼也不會改變了。因此,在某種 程度上,天主正在邀請你們去發揮你們的想 像力。祂希望你們可以看到這個世界可以成 為一個不同的地方。(參見 普世青年節守夜 祈禱會,波蘭克拉科夫,2016年7月30 日)

夢想中偉大的事和夢想中普通的事當然 是不一樣的。在這方面,教宗方濟各卻開了 一個玩笑說:人們有兩隻眼睛,一隻是肉體 的眼睛,另一隻是玻璃造的眼睛。「我們用肉 體的眼睛來看我們面前的事,相反我們會用 玻璃造的眼睛來欣賞我們的夢想。」。(與學 生的講話,古巴,2015年9月20日)夢想 中的大事意味著要留下你的生命標記,創造 歷史的標記,同時也會分享屬於你的個人和 他人的個人故事。耶穌叫你們要留下一個正 面的印記 (參見 普世青年節守夜祈禱會,波 蘭克拉科夫,2016年7月30日),並避免死 亡的陷阱,又即是一個虚假的自由幻想空 間,把一個人蒙蔽在過往的經歷和貪圖新奇 的事物。(參見普世青年節守夜祈禱會,巴西 里約熱內盧,2013年7月27日)

tomorrow.Jesus is pointing you to the future, and never to the museum" (Prayer Vigil, World Youth Day, Krakow [Poland], 30 July 2016). "Not young people who are "museums", "storehouses", but young people who are wise. To be wise, use the three languages: think well, feel well and act well. And to be wise, let yourselves be surprised by God's love, then go out and burn life!" (Meeting with Young People, Manila [Philippines], 18 January 2015), using the Gospel as a "navigator" on the road of life (cf. Homily, World Youth Day, Krakow [Poland], 31 July 2016). My dear young people, the Church expects to hear from you; please don't be missing!

Thank you all for your attention!

天主打電話給我們的時候,祂不擔心我們是 什麼,又不擔心我們一直在做什麼,更不擔 心有甚麼事情我們沒有做的。恰恰相反。當 祂打電話給我們的時候,他正在考慮我們所 要做的一切。我們只要傳播祂的愛便可。祂 把未來都放在我們的手裡。耶穌一直都把未 來交給你們而不是放進博物館去。(普世青年 節守夜祈禱會,波蘭克拉科夫,2016年7月 30日)「青年人不可是『博物館』或『倉 庫』因為他們半身就是明智的。身為明智的 人有三種特徵:思想正確,感覺良好,行為 正直。為了成為明智的人,你們應該要讓自 己對上主的愛感到驚訝及奉獻你們的生 命!」(與青年人會面 菲律賓馬尼拉 2015 年1月18日)。你們應把福音作為人生道路 上的嚮導員。(參見 普世青年節講道,波蘭 克拉科夫,2016年7月31日)我親愛的年 輕人,教會期望聽到你們的話;請不要錯過 這個機會!

謝謝你們的關注!