

## Pope Francis: I desire young people to be the protagonists of the Synod



### **Pope Francis called young people to take part in the pre-Synodal preparatory meeting by way of social media (Groups of Facebook)**

At the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Francis called on young people from around the world to take part in the preparatory work of the upcoming Synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment.

In March, more than 300 young people will be in Rome for a pre-Synodal preparatory meeting ahead of October's synod. "But I strongly desire that all young people might be the protagonists of this preparation," Pope Francis said on Sunday. "And so they will be able to contribute online through linguistic groups moderated by other young people."

The Pope was referring to an initiative promoted by the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops, under the direction of its General Secretary, Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri. Young people are able to join a **Facebook group through the Synod website**, and from 12 March will have the opportunity to questions posted on the group page. Their answers will be added to the contributions of the meeting in Rome.

Social media has played an important role in ensuring that the voices of young people are heard at the upcoming Synod, which features Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts.

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