



# WELCOME!

FINAL REPORT WEBINAR  
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# LET US PRAY...

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Loving God,  
open us to the beauty of dialogue  
that allows us to hear with our hearts  
and speak with our souls.

May our conversations  
ignite your Spirit within us  
to go out into the world  
as missionary disciples.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dios amoroso,  
ábranos a la belleza del diálogo  
que nos permita escuchar con el corazón  
y hablar movidos por tu Espíritu.

Que nuestro diálogo,  
encienda ese mismo Espíritu en nosotros,  
y nos envíe por el mundo  
como discípulos misioneros.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Amén.



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- » *What* was the National Dialogue Process?
  - » *Why* was it necessary for the Church to do?
  - » *Who* was involved?



# OUR GOAL: TRANSFORMATION OF MINISTRY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

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- » To transform ministries in every *parish community*
- » To accompany every *youth and young adult*
- » To invite every *person of good will* onto this journey





# WHAT WE DISCOVERED



# DISCOVERY

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- » Top Findings on Young People and Ministry
- » Top Recommendations for the Catholic Church
- » Guide for using the National Dialogue Report



# TRENDS

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- » Youth and Young Adults wrestle with the questions of how the Church is relevant in their lives;
- » Young people are very busy and overscheduled;
- » Young people struggle with Church teachings;
- » There is incredible diversity among youth and young adults;
- » Young people and ministry leaders, by and large, want to see a Church that is more accepting and authentic, and less judgmental and divisive
- » Young people have a strong sense of mission





# TRENDS

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## » Youth called for:

- » Re-imagining faith formation and Confirmation preparation
- » Greater intergenerational support, dialogue, and mentorship
- » More youth ministry programming

## » Young Adults called for:

- » More integrated and relevant approach to faith and everyday life
- » More guidance and accompaniment during young adult transitions and vocational discernment
- » More ministry opportunities, funding, and support

## » Ministry Leaders and Parents called for:

- » More formation to respond to changing realities
- » More resources on engaging the disaffiliated
- » More collaborative and supportive approach to leadership
- » Better mutual understanding between parents and ministry leaders





# RECOMMENDATIONS



## » A Call for Investment

1. More intentionally connect the life of faith with the lived experiences of young people.
2. We all need to do more synodal listening to one another.
3. Address the “authenticity gap.”
4. Increase the investment in accompaniment.
5. Expand ministry with young adults.



# RECOMMENDATIONS

6. Reimagine faith formation.
7. Reconsider preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
8. Partner with parents and enhance family ministry.
9. Transform ministry leadership.
10. Embrace complexity.



# NATIONAL DIALOGUE REPORT

- » Prayer
- » Introduction
- » Executive Summary
- » Chapter 1: Synodality is the Way
- » Chapter 2: A Church that Goes Forth: The Findings
- » Chapter 3: The Need for Roots and Wings
- » Epilogue: Discerning How We Move Forward



HOW THIS  
HAPPENED





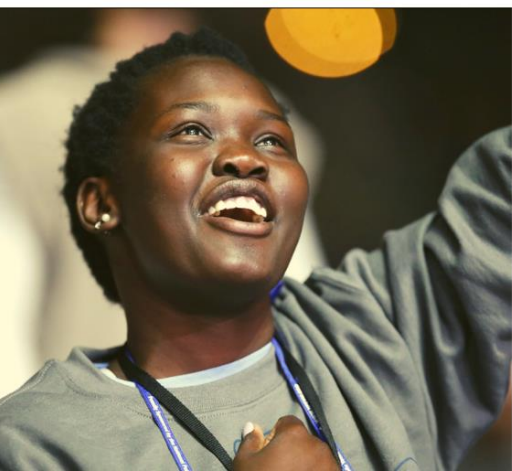
The *National Dialogue* was a **synodal process**, a “**journeying together**” (CV 206) that involved **10,000 people** walking side-by-side for **4 years** in over **450 conversations** in a prayerful and discerning spirit – and a joint desire to learn from one another and to grow ourselves and our church ministries beyond where they began.



# THREE KEY MARKERS OF THE JOURNEY (2017-2021)

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1. **UNITY** – where a national community came together (begun **2017**)
2. **ENGAGE** – how we listened deeply to voices we had not always heard (begun **2018**)
3. **Discernment** *for* **MOBILIZATION** – when we reflected through a patient and prayerful process (begun **2019**)

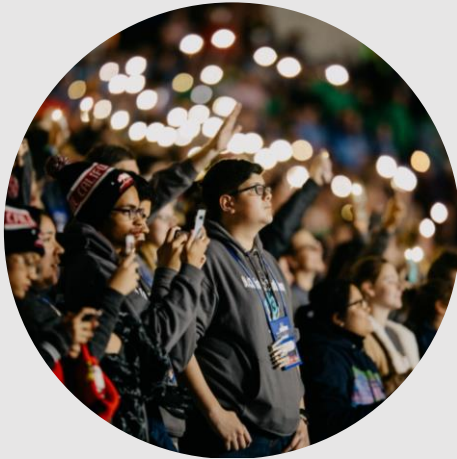


- » “unity prevails over conflict”
- » “reality is greater than ideas”
- » “time is greater than space”
- » “the whole is greater than its parts”

*Evangelii Gaudium, 222-237*



# THE RESEARCH



Active/Engaged Youth



Non/Former/Marginal Youth



Ministry Leaders



Parents and Families





# METHODOLOGY

1. Dialogue as Method

2. Conversations were not intended as a study –  
but as organic conversations



# DATA COLLECTION

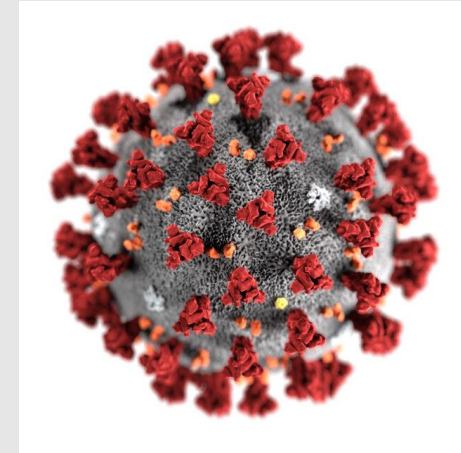
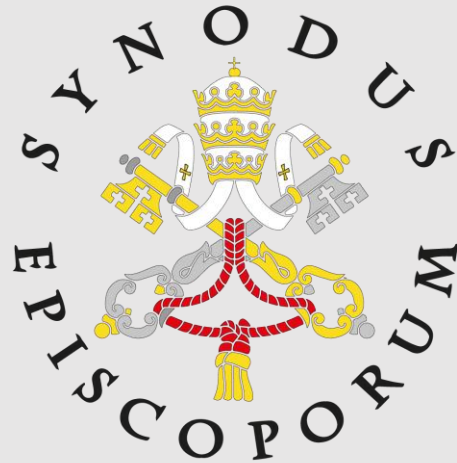


## National Dialogue Summary - Original English

Thank you for facilitating a national conversation, as part of the National Dialogue on Catholic Pastoral Ministry with Youth and Young Adults. The purpose of this survey is for you to summarize the small group conversation you had with either youth, young adults, parents, or ministry leaders. While you may have specific opinions or experiences that inform your understanding of youth and young adult ministry, for the purpose of this survey, please only include things related to the conversation that you facilitated.

- If you led multiple conversations with different groups, you will need to complete this form for each of the conversation.
- Question 10 asks you to identify the primary audience of the conversation you are reporting on either: youth, young adults, parents, or ministry leaders. Your response to that question, will direct you to the appropriate set of questions to record what you heard. If you had a mixed group with both youth and young adults, either select the group that made up the majority of the group you led OR complete the survey twice, once selecting youth and responding to those set of questions and once selecting young adult and responding to those questions.
- For the purpose of this dialogue, youth includes middle school to high school youth, young adults includes those beyond high school.
- Most questions have been pre-populated with labels that include topics, issues, or categories that you can use to describe aspects of your conversation in broad strokes. You can select all of the topics, issues, or categories that were a part of your conversation. If a label is not listed that was included in your conversation, then you have the option to add one. Please keep these brief and make sure not to duplicate what is already listed.

# INTERSECTING PROCESSES AND EVENTS



**CLERICAL  
ABUSE  
CRISIS**





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# WHAT ARE WE DOING TO RESHAPE MINISTRY?

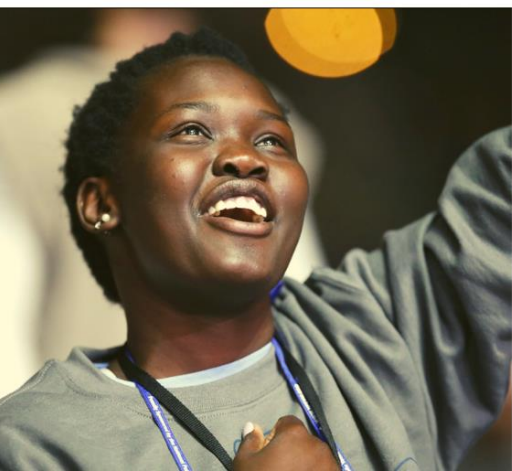






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- » The National Dialogue Core Organizations and the members within their organizations
- » And **YOU**



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