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FULL OF HOPE

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What kind of Church do we wish for?

Thoughts from the Prep Document:

Today's young people are longing for an authentic Church. We want to say, especially to the leaders of the Church, that they should be a transparent, welcoming, honest, inviting, communicative, accessible, joyful and interactive community.

A credible Church is one which is not afraid to allow itself be seen as vulnerable. The Church should be sincere in admitting its past and present wrongs, that it is a Church made up of persons who are capable of error and misunderstanding.

The Church draws the attention of young people by being rooted in Jesus Christ. Christ is the Truth which makes the Church different from any other worldly group with which we may identify. Therefore, we ask that the Church continue to proclaim the joy of the Gospel with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We desire that the Church spread this message through modern means of communication and expression. The young have many questions about the faith, but desire answers which are not watered-down, or which utilize pre-fabricated formulations

We also desire to see a Church that is empathetic and reaches out to those struggling on the margins, the persecuted and the poor. An attractive Church is a relational Church.

Turn over to discuss your thoughts on these points and write down your question and 3/4 possible points of view

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Our thoughts:

What do you think an 'authentic Church' means?

Where do you go if you have questions about your faith?

How does the Church help the poor?

What could you do in your parish to help those being persecuted?

Our Question to the Synod with 3/4 points of view: