



Christus vivit

«With great affection, I address this Apostolic Exhortation to all Christian young people. It is meant to remind you of certain convictions born of our faith, **and at the same time** to encourage you to grow in holiness and in commitment to your personal vocation.

But since it is also **part of a synodal process**, I am also addressing this message to the entire People of God, pastors and faithful alike, **since all of us are challenged and urged to reflect both on the young and for the young».**

CV, 3

Christus vivit - 9 chapters

RECOGNISE

1. THE WORD OF GOD ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE
2. JESUS, EVER YOUNG
3. YOU ARE THE “NOW” OF GOD

INTERPRETE

4. A GREAT MESSAGE FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE
5. PATHS OF YOUTH
6. YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ROOTS

CHOOSE

7. YOUTH MINISTRY
 8. VOCATION
 9. DISCERNMENT
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«Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: **Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!**»

(CV 1)



1. Youth called to LIVE

(and to renew the world and the Church)



«We adults can often be tempted to list all the problems and failings of today's young people. Perhaps some will find it praiseworthy that we seem so expert in discerning difficulties and dangers.

But what would be the result of such an attitude? **Greater distance, less closeness, less mutual assistance**».

(CV 66)

2. Young people's life: a POSITIVE look

«Our present-day culture exploits the image of the young. **Beauty is associated with a youthful appearance, cosmetic treatments that hide the traces of time.** Young bodies are constantly advertised as a means of selling products. **The ideal of beauty is youth, but we need to realize that this has very little to do with young people.** It only means that adults want to snatch youth for themselves, not that they respect, love and care for young people. ». (CV, 79)



3. Against individualism...

“Many young people today feel that **they have inherited the failed dreams** of their parents and grandparents, dreams betrayed by injustice, social violence, selfishness and lack of concern for others. In a word, they feel uprooted. **If the young grow up in a world in ashes, it will be hard for them to keep alive the flame of great dreams and projects.** If they grow up in a desert devoid of meaning, where will they develop a desire to devote their lives to sowing seeds?”

(CV 216)

...without judging young people



«Here I would point out that it doesn't take much to make young people missionaries. Even those who are most frail, limited and troubled can be missionaries in their own way, for goodness can always be shared, even if it exists alongside many limitations»

(CV 239)

4. The announcement "from a young person to another"

Chapter 7: youth ministry...

1. SYNODAL
2. “DOMESTIC”
3. POPULAR
4. ACCOMPANIED

THE QUESTION IS NOT: “WHAT TO DO?”
BUT: “WHO ARE WE?”; AND: “WHO ARE WE FOR?”

5. Youth ministry

AND TO CONCLUDE ... A WISH

« Dear young people, my joyful hope is to see you keep running the race before you, outstripping all those who are slow or fearful. Keep running, “attracted by the face of Christ, whom we love so much, whom we adore in the Holy Eucharist and acknowledge in the flesh of our suffering brothers and sisters. May the Holy Spirit urge you on as you run this race. The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith. We need them! And when you arrive where we have not yet reached, have the patience to wait for us ».

(CV 299)
