



Dear Staff Member,

Thank you for showing an interest in the Mega Youth Poll. The questions in the Mega Youth Poll are based on the request for a report on the Church in England and Wales sent by the Vatican in anticipation of the General Assembly of the Synod on [Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment](#).

By encouraging your students to respond to this poll you will be giving them a voice a worldwide consultation process that has been designed to help the Church to become better at accompanying young people to grow in faith and discover their vocation.

The questions fall into three categories:

1. What is the world of young people like?
2. What is their engagement with faith, particularly the Catholic faith?
3. What is their experience of vocational discernment?
(Particularly, making life choices that take into consideration God's call)

In addition to this we have asked some demographical questions so that we can see trends according to age, religious affiliation, gender etc.

When inviting your students to respond to this poll, please encourage them to speak their mind rather than try to give the answers they think we want to hear.

Since the age range for this poll is from 13-29 years old, I would appreciate it if you could also encourage members of staff who fall within this age range to respond. They do not need to be Catholic as the criteria for response is only that they are in the age range and living in either England or Wales.

Thank you again for your interest, please do not hesitate to make contact should you have any further queries.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Carvalho".

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Mega Youth Poll Questions

* 1. How old are you?

2. What is your email address?

Please note, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales will not pass on your email to third party organisations.

Your email address will only be used by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in relation to the Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment consultation process.

*What country do you live in?

England/Wales/Other

*4. What is your gender?

Female/Male/Prefer not to say

5. Which of the following best describes your way of life at the moment?(Please tick all the options that apply to you)

I'm single/I'm in a relationship/I'm engaged to be married/I'm married/I'm single and have children
I'm in a relationship and have children/I'm married and have children/I'm preparing to be a priest or
deacon/I'm preparing to become a religious sister or nun/I'm preparing to become a religious
brother/I am a priest or deacon/I am a religious sister or nun/I am a monk or religious brother
Other (please specify)

*6. What is life like for you?

Horrible/Stressful/Confusing/Content/Good/Great/Other (please specify)

7. What three things do you struggle with in life the most?

8. What are the three best things about your life at the moment?

9. What do you take for granted in life?

We would like you to tell us about youth events that you know about in general. There are some questions about Catholic youth events coming up in another section, for now, these questions are about any events you have experienced outside the Catholic Church.

10. What is the best youth event you have attended?

11. Out of 10 how would you rate that event?

12. Which of the following types of youth events have you been to and what do you think of them?
National festival/Regional festival/Charity event/Local youth group/Spiritual experience/Self-
improvement course/Youth drop in centre.

13. What is the best Catholic youth event you have attended?

14. Out of 10 how would you rate that event?

15. Which of the following types of youth events have you been to and what do you think of them?
National Catholic festival/Regional Catholic festival/Catholic charity event/Local Catholic youth group/Spiritual experience/Catholic youth drop in centre/

16. How much do you believe in God? [Sliding scale]

17. How close do you feel to Jesus? [Sliding scale]

18. How often do you experience God's presence in your life?

*19. What is your religion?

Catholic/Anglican/Other Christian/Orthodox/Jewish/Muslim/Hindu/Sikh/Buddhist/I'm not sure/
I don't believe in anything/Other (please specify)

20. What do you like most about your religion?

21. What do you find most challenging about your religion?

We like to hear how every young person relates to the Catholic Church whether or not you would call yourself a Catholic. If none of the options fit your experience, please give us your perspective in the 'other' box provided.

22. How much do you think the Catholic Church is interested in your life?

23. How often do you go to Church?

24. What role does the Church play in your life?

25. How much would you like the Catholic Church to tell you how to live well?

26. How much would you like the Catholic Church to inspire you to expect more from life?

27. How much do you want the Catholic Church to help you make good life choices?

28. Which of the people mentioned below helped you to consider what God is asking of you in the choices you make? (Tick all options that apply to you)

Family Member/Boyfriend/Girlfriend/Friend/Someone from school/university/Someone from Church/Someone from work/Chaplain/Parish Priest/Nun, Monk or Religious/Youth leader(s)

29. We would love to hear about the person who has helped you the most.

Please feel free to tell us who they are, how you know them and how they have helped you

30. What type of secondary school did/do you go to?

Catholic/Non-Catholic/Other (please specify)

31. How much has school helped you hear what God is asking of you in the choices you make?

32. How much have the following aspects of school helped you identify what God is asking of you?
(Put the choices below into high or low priority by dragging them either up or down the list. If you don't think a particular choice has helped you please tick the 'not helpful' box – this will move the option to the bottom of the list)

RE lessons/Meeting a visiting priest/Meeting a visiting monk or nun/Hearing from a visiting speaker
Your teachers/A school mission/A school retreat/School Masses and assemblies/Your school chaplain/Your careers adviser

33. Are you studying at a university or have you ever done so?

34. While at university what has helped you the most to identify what God is asking you?

35. Are you working at the moment?

36. How much does your work help you realise your potential?

37. How much does God figure in the kind of work you do?

38. How has the Church helped you to make good life choices?

By showing me how to include God in my decision making

By listening to me when I have needed to talk about a decision

By organising groups I can talk about important decisions with people who are going through something similar

By giving me the opportunity to help others

By running events that help me deepen my faith

By running events that inspire me to be the best version of myself

By running events where I can find out more about what God is asking of me

39. Have you ever been to World Youth Day?

40. Have you ever:

Sung in a Church choir/Joined a Church music group/Read at Mass/Helped with a Catholic

fundraising event /Helped with a Catholic charitable event /Joined a religious community

Joined an interest group/Served at Mass/Attended a parish meeting

41. On which platforms have you seen or engaged with the Catholic Church?

Text (sms)/Facebook/Live stream/Twitter/Youtube/Instagram/Snapchat/Google+

Flickr/App/Website/Blog/WhatsApp/LinkedIn/Vimeo/Periscope

42. I think the Catholic Church listens to me when I ask question about how to deal with difficult issues

43. I think the Catholic Church listens to me when I talk about what life is like?

44. I think the Catholic Church listens to me when I comment on Church teaching?

45. Perhaps there is something you have wanted to say that didn't come up in the questions asked.
Please feel free to leave a comment below: