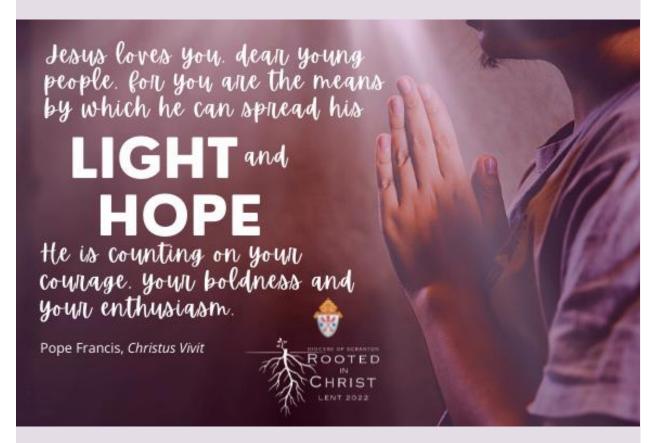




"What about our young people?" is one of the themes that has surfaced during the Synod listening process that is taking place all over the world.

Our young people are not the future of the Church - they are the Church right now!

Bishop Joseph Bambera will travel to all the regions of the diocese over the next two weeks to present the **Bishop's Youth Award** to nearly 600 young people.



Christ is alive in the young members of our church. When we recognize this, we affirm both the agency and responsibility of young people in the church and society. We need to remember that all the members of the church - young and old - are active members who can influence the church of now, and the church of the future.

Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world. 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! Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*

Listen to the witness of 3 recipients of the Bishop's Youth Awards from St. Matthew Parish in East Stroudsburg, PA:

- Luz Pomaquiza
- Jorge Marte
- Zyrus Hernandez

Being involved in the parish makes them feel good! Join us in praying for all the young Catholics in our diocese!



TONIGHT: Watch the Bishop Youth Awards LIVE from the Cathedral of St. Peter at 7pm on Catholic TV or on Facebook - click here

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