



# national youthsunday

## SOMETHING TO SAY

'Every young person has something to say to others. He or she has something to say to adults, something to say to priests, sisters, bishops and even the Pope. All of us need to listen to you!'

POPE FRANCIS

'Through this journey, the church wants to listen to the voices, the sensibilities, the faith as well as the doubts and criticisms of young people. We must listen to young people.'

POPE FRANCIS

'The reason we have said that all should be called for counsel is that the Lord often reveals to the younger what is best.'

ST BENEDICT

Dear Father,

Please use these prompt questions as you see fit. They are merely suggestions to encourage conversation. Feel free to omit any that you would not be comfortable to ask.

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

### Warm up

What would you normally do this evening?

What do you do in your spare time?

Have you got any plans for Christmas?

### Questions about their lives

What are the demands on your life?

What do you enjoy about life?

What do you struggle with?

How do you feel about making important life choices?

Who do you trust/listen to?

### Questions of faith

(Please reassure them that you are not looking for 'correct' answers but what they really think)

What do you understand by the word 'faith'?

What role if any does your faith play in your life?

Have you ever had a spiritual experience?

What do you think of God? Jesus? The Church?

How can the Church get better at journeying with young people through life?

How can we help you to involve God in your important life choices?

Is there something you have always wanted to ask a priest but never had the opportunity?