

CLAIMING OUR VOICES ABOUT LOVE AND SEX

ACTION STEPS TO TAKE NOW

Pope Francis has asked lay people around the world to share their experiences on the Church's teachings and practices regarding sexuality, marriage, and family. This information is meant to help the bishops as they grapple with these complicated issues at the Synod on the Family in Rome this coming October 2015. Each of our experiences matters to help the total picture emerge. Now is the time to Claim Our Voices and take the following action steps:

Archdiocesan efforts

- Complete the official survey found at <http://www.archspm.org/offices/marriage-family-life>. The deadline is **March 10th**. Don't be put off by the difficult wording of the questions. Simply find a few questions that mention topics which you have concerns about. Write whatever message you want the bishops to hear. We have been assured that all submissions will be accepted even if they don't exactly answer the question or if most of the questions are not answered at all.

CCCR / Council of the Baptized efforts and suggestions

- Host a Listening Session in your home or parish. You invite the people, and CCCR will provide the program and facilitator. All concerns raised will be included in a report going to our archbishop, the papal nuncio, the pope, and all the US bishops attending the Synod in Rome. Contact Mary Beth Stein marybsaint@hotmail.com 612-805-7091.
- Complete a short, user-friendly survey created by Catholic Church Reform International: <http://catholicchurchreform.com/>. Click on "Take survey now." Deadline is March 9th.
- Complete another very understandable survey provided by a group of German theologians at <https://www.soscisurvey.de/synod2015>. Deadline early March.
- Sign the online letter asking that the Synod in Rome include more lay people with a wide range of life experiences: <http://action.groundswell-mvmt.org/petitions/widen-the-circle-at-the-upcoming-family-synod-2015>.
- Write a letter with your concerns and send it to our archbishop, the papal nuncio, and the US bishops attending the Synod on the Family 2015. (Addresses on back.)
- Attend the Call to Action *Family Mosaic: Creating a Picture of MN Families* on Sat, Apr 25th 9:00 AM-12:30 PM at St. Francis Cabrini. Help explore the pastoral needs of all types of MN families. Preregister at artstoerberl@yahoo.com. Free will offering.
- Write and post your own story about your experience of Church as it relates to Marriage, Family, and Sexuality: www.cccrmn.org. Stories will post to the CCCR website.
- Organize a book study group using *Toward a Healthy Christian Theology of Sexuality*. Contact marybsaint@hotmail.com.

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