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## **Youth Speaking Out: "Where is God amid suffering?"**

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We know that the Holy Father wants to "listen to the youth... young people

from the whole world, Catholic and non-Catholic youth, Christian youth and youth from other religions, and young people who do not know if they believe or do not believe. All of them... it is important that you speak; do not let yourselves be silenced" (Address to Youth in Chile, 17 January 2018). For this reason, he has called for a Synod meeting this coming October to consider "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment."

Responding to this request, young people from different countries open up in this new video series "Youth Speaking Out," sharing their dreams and concerns as they respond to specific questions directed at them by the Holy Father.

As a starting point, the series takes a few words from the address given by Pope Francis at the pre-synod meeting that took place in March,

which brought together youth from every continent. On that occasion, the Pope encouraged those present to "speak courageously. Without shame... You know how to speak like this."

In this third video in the series, Carlos, who is studying economics in Valencia, speaks about coming to understand better the mystery of suffering through his friendship with Jorge Ribera, a 19 year old friend of his who is fighting a battle against leukemia.

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