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My dear friends,

Later this year, the Holy Father will be holding an Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on *The vocation and the mission of the family in the Church and in the contemporary world*. The synod will take place at the Vatican and will be attended by bishops from around the world.

The *Lineamenta* is a document which outlines issues that need to be considered in order to help prepare the working document that will be used by the synod. In order to facilitate discussion, a list of questions has been provided with the *Lineamenta*.

As part of this official consultative process, Catholics are invited to share their reflections on topics highlighted in the *Lineamenta*. As this is an extensive document that covers diverse subject matter, it is recommended that respondents consider selecting perhaps three areas or specific questions to provide informed commentary or insights. A concise response would be appreciated. A synthesis of responses will be sent to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops who will then forward the information gathered from across Canada to the Vatican in preparation for the Synod later this year.

**All responses to the *Lineamenta* must be received no later than Monday, February 16, 2015.** Responses can be sent either by e-mail to [communications@archtoronto.org](mailto:communications@archtoronto.org) or by mail to the Office of Public Relations & Communications, 1155 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M4T 1W2.

Thank you in advance for your feedback on these important topics.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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