



## CALL TO COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION



- Get the group to stand in a circle and have a ball of wool or twine. The group is to throw the ball across the circle to one another, keeping hold of the wool so that a web begins to emerge.
- Once everyone is holding some wool (some may have held it twice), take hold of the ball yourself.
- Pull on parts of the wool and see how people react.
- Explain that in a similar way that everyone is holding the wool and connected, in the world we're all connected. Our actions have consequences on other people, the decisions we make. If we choose to get involved, we affect our community.

- Cut the string in a couple of places. Quickly, we can become disconnected from others close by.
- We need one another. We're all connected. Ask people to name some communities which they belong to (eg family, school, parish, neighbourhood, global, sports teams, music groups...).
- In Krakow, at the opening of World Youth Day in 2016, Pope Francis repeatedly asked the crowds of young people "Can we change things?" And the crowds responded: "YES!"

- We learn about ourselves from how we interact with each other.
- We're called to get involved, not just sit back. Not to just moan about something we disagree with, but do something about it. It's the same here in our parish community and local community. If we don't like the music at Mass, do we just complain, or do we join the music group?

