



A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

COME AND SEE

2017

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH DIOCESAN SYNOD The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

O God, who never forsake your people and ever journey with them through the struggles and joys of daily life, stir up the flame of faith in the hearts of your sons and daughters in our Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

Help us to experience anew your great love for us and fill us with a greater desire to love and serve you and our neighbor. Throughout this time of our fourth diocesan synod, help us, by the light of the Holy Spirit, to discern the needs of our local Church and better follow Christ your Son as intentional disciples.

Open our hearts and minds to know your will, to speak the truth with love, and to hear each other, that together we might plan, with the help of your grace, for the strengthening and growth of our diocese.

May Mary, the Immaculate Conception, first and greatest of all disciples, lead us closer to your Son. May she accompany us as we follow the call to live as his disciples and as generous stewards of your many gifts.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.