

## **CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES**

## EPISCOPAL COMMISSION ON YOUTH

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## **Your Excellency:**

The peace of our Lord!

The General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops is in the process of gathering and collecting data about young people for the XV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2018, with theme "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment". His Holiness Pope Francis awaits responses from all the Episcopal Conferences about the youth and the ministry among them today.

Our office, in behalf of the Bishops' Conference, knocks at your door to seek the valuable help of Your Excellency, specifically through the following:

- 1. To instruct your Diocesan Youth Council to take the lead in the participation of your particular church in this effort. Instructions are available in the attached document, "Synod 2018—Philippines", and
- 2. To provide your Diocesan Youth Council the necessary resources and assistance to conduct this data gathering, ensuring that the results will be submitted not later than October 29.

Acknowledging the urgency of this request, for which I beg your kind indulgence, I nonetheless remain confident in your full fraternal support to this project as our collective manifestation of love to the Holy Father and loyalty to Holy Mother Church.

Grateful to you for your support to our Commission and to the youth through your diocesan youth ministry, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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