

Dear Bishop _____, (if familiar) OR Your Excellency, Bishop _____, (if unfamiliar),

We write to humbly request your presence and participation in a synodal conversation around caring for creation within our (Arch)diocese of _____. The Synodal conversations and documents thus far have been powerful and inspiring, and in reviewing the Vatican documents, we would like to work with you in the implementation of responding to [Group 2 of the 1st General Congregation: Listening to the Cry of the Poor](#) (SR 4 and 16).

This report offers the invitation for us to “sharpen our focus” in order to “To hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor” (LS 49). It offers additional questions which center these cries in reflection in the Holy Spirit, and particularly indicates a need to bring together the “Poor, Marginalized, and Excluded” with the Bishop and the Whole People of God.

We write today in hopes of organizing such a Synodal conversation within our (Arch)diocese: bringing together the voices of those most impacted, which includes young people, migrant communities, Hispanic communities, and frontline communities within the geographic reaches of our diocese with you, for a conversation in the Spirit, centering questions which make more explicit the “inseparable nature of responses to the cries of the poor and of the earth,” as the report urges.

We hope to hold this conversation at some point during the Season of Creation. We certainly know you are very busy, so we are very happy to organize this gathering on your availability during this timeframe (Sept 1-Oct 4).

Please let us know when you are available to join this Synodal conversation, in our seeking to become a more synodal and listening church, responsive to the movement of the Holy Spirit flowing throughout our global church.

In gratitude,
