



## *Holy Spirit, guide us!*

At the diocesan assembly on September 22, Bishop Boyea announced a Year of Prayer for the diocese around the intention of how each parish is called to form its members as a community of missionary disciples. The Year of Prayer will end on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019.

The Year of Prayer will be a time of seeking the Lord and of discernment. God has many ways in which He forms us as His children and as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are asking the Holy Spirit to guide each of our parishes in the particular ways that God is desiring to form us as a community of missionary disciples. During the next year we will be seeking God more deeply and asking for God's will to be made known. We will be pausing to listen for God's movements among us, and we will be discerning every movement that comes to us as a parish to determine if it is from God and part of God's plan for us. God speaks and acts in many ways, please pray that we have ears to hear.

We also are asking every household once a week to call upon the intercession of Mary, the patron saint of our diocese, to aid us in this petition.

Everyone is encouraged to renew their own commitment to prayer. There are suggestions for prayer times and prayer opportunities on the prayer cards. In addition to strengthening our personal prayer lives, there will be offered during this year evenings or afternoons to seek the Lord together for our common intention. More information will follow in the coming months. The reality is that the more each of us intentionally lives out our lives as disciples of Jesus, the more alive we will be as a Church and as individuals.

*Father,*

*You invite each of us to share in the life and ministry of your Son, Jesus.*

*Send your Holy Spirit to form our parish as a community of missionary disciples. Teach us how to hear Jesus, to love Jesus, and to share your gift of salvation with everyone we meet.*

*Through the witness and intercession of Mary, guide me to deepen my commitment as a disciple of Jesus.*

*Lead our parish to grow as an intentional community, committed to go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.*

*We ask these blessings in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen*