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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am pleased to announce that the Diocese is working with Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) to engage in a transformative journey that will develop a vision for our future. CLI is a wonderful apostolate that has been serving the Church's leaders for 30 years. Through their "Called for More" initiative, we will discern a Diocesan vision and strategic plan that will be helpful in our collective and individual ministries. "Called for More" is not a program, but a set of tools that will be made available to the entire Diocese - our pastors, parishes, ministries, Catholic schools, and you, the faithful - at no cost. I hope that one year from now when the process concludes, we will have a thoughtful, prayerful vision for the future of our Diocese.

Work has already begun on this important process for our Diocese with our clergy and Diocesan staff members. As parishioners, you play a vital role and will have an opportunity to participate in this visioning process through your parish in mid-October. Additional information will be shared with you in the coming weeks about the Disciple Maker Index, a survey tool that supports Church ministry with objective data, helping Church leaders recognize their potential and envision future possibilities through a deep analysis of attitudes and beliefs, participation, relationships/satisfaction, and demographics.

As we begin this process, please keep our Diocese and our leadership in your prayers. I am very hopeful about the potential fruit of these tools and for the opportunity to participate in this endeavor alongside you as we seek to help our Diocese grow stronger in its mission to proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please join me in praying for the success of this initiative, which I entrust to our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Assumption, to Saint Joseph, and to our patron, Saint Patrick.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior Bishop of Harrisburg