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To the Clergy and Laity of the Parishes in the Diocese of the Western States,

## Letter of Call for the Annual Synod of 2017

Greetings to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of the Western States as I hereby call for the assembling of the twenty-sixth Synod of the Diocese of the Western States to be held at the Lafayette Park Hotel and Saint Peter's Parish from May 10<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Synod is the legislative body of the Diocese at which we conduct the administrative and temporal affairs of the Diocese. At this Synod we shall be electing a Suffragan Bishop who will have been chosen by the Council of Bishops but is subject to election by this synod. In the clerical order, every priest has one vote. In the lay order, every parish has three votes and every mission one vote. Canon 2.06 states that voting by proxy is allowed at all meetings of Synod except in the election of a Bishop.

I appreciate that attendance at Synod involves personal effort and expense. I hope that (wherever possible) parishes and missions will help their clergy and laity to attend Synod. Bishop Morse led us out of the fleshpots of Egypt and through the desert to freedom and now we are ready to begin the second phase of that pilgrimage. We mustn't look back! We mustn't waver! We must continue!

Yours faithfully in our Blessed Lord,

+ Donald M. Ashman  
Bishop Ordinary