



**A MOMENT OF PRAYER  
FOR THE UPCOMING SYNOD IN ROME THIS OCTOBER  
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023  
FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP  
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023**

The Church throughout the world has been invited by the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops to participate in *a moment of prayer* on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the upcoming first session of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome.

In the United States, each Bishop has been entrusted to provide for *a moment of prayer* for his own diocese. Archbishop Perez encourages all the clergy and faithful to consider a Marian Devotion to take place in churches and chapels throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, especially in shrines, churches and chapels dedicated to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. These devotions may include the Holy Rosary, the *Angelus* and/or other Marian prayers before or after Holy Mass on Wednesday, May 31, for the intention of the Synod.

The following intention may be included in the Universal Prayer for the first category, for the needs of the Church, on May 31:

For the provident blessing of Almighty God on the preparation efforts  
for the upcoming Synod of Bishops,  
that, with the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Word and Way of Jesus  
will be deepened in all the members of the Church,  
*Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.*

For additional information and resources for this *moment of prayer* for the Synod of Bishops, please see, [www.SynodResources.org/31may2023](http://www.SynodResources.org/31may2023). For information and resources for the Synod from the United States Bishops, please see <https://www.usccb.org/synod>.