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## ENDORSEMENT

Your Eminences and Your Excellencies:

Our beloved Pope Francis will convene XV General Synod of Bishops on Youth on October 2018 in Rome. The theme "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment," is an expression of the pastoral care of the Church for the young. This is in relation to the results of the recent Synod assemblies on the family and with the content of the post-Synodal apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*.

Its aim is to accompany the young on their existential journey to maturity so that, through a process of discernment, they discover their plan for life and realize it with joy, opening up to the encounter with God and with human beings, and actively participating in the edification of the Church and of society.

It is on this regard that I would like to endorse to you the task given to the CBCP-Episcopal Commission on Youth to gather responses to the Questionnaire as a component of the Synod Preparatory Document. I highly encourage you to engage your youth commission and the other commissions (Family and Life, Vocation, Biblical Apostolate, Social Action) working with young people to a collective work of filling up the forms with valuable information. This will be our significant contribution to help the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops in the preparation for this significant church event.

Let us manifest our being one with the Vicar of Christ and continue to champion the cause of our youth, by giving our full support to this step towards October 2018.

With fraternal gratitude and deep esteem to you, I remain

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