



# DECREE

## DECREE OF CONVOCATION

### DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

On this Pentecost Sunday, 28 May 2023, I formally convoke the first Synod in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Pope Francis has called the entire People of God into a journey of listening and discernment, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide us towards personal conversion and renewal in the Church.

The time is now for us to 'go out into the deep' (Luke 5:4) and step into the future that awaits us - one that is inspired by the deep understanding that God's love is not reserved for a few but for all.

In accordance with Canons 460-468 of the Code of Canon and the *Instruction of Diocesan Synods* (1997) and having discerned that the current circumstances in the Diocese of Parramatta recommends it, I hereby decree the convocation of the first Synod for the Diocese of Parramatta.

The first assembly will be held from Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 October 2023, and the final assembly near the middle of 2024, on the theme "Behold, I am doing a new thing." Isaiah 43:19.

Given at Parramatta this twenty-fifth day of May 2023.

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.  
Bishop of Parramatta**