

Provident Father,

You call the young adults by name from different families,
cultures, and pasts -each of us unique and made in your image,
blessed and challenged with the different gifts given to us by you.
You call us to be one. You call us to be perfect. You call us to be merciful.
You call us to be holy.

You call us to be your adopted children.

Lord, grant that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Orphans, under whose mantle we find protection,
we remember that you said you will not leave us as orphans,
but will be with us always.

As ones who dare to call you Father,
light our hearts on fire so that we may choose to say "yes" to your love
with our entire being and in turn share ourselves with your other children,
our brothers and sisters, especially those who are suffering.

Grant that we remain united with those who have come before us
and those who will follow in our footsteps,
to proclaim your message of love in the name of your Crucified Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Amen.