CALL TO CONVERSION

After spending a few moments in prayer, write down your thoughts and reflections on the following questions:

#1 Jesus says to each of us, "Come, follow me." Envision Jesus saying that to you right now. How would you respond? What fears or hesitancies might you have about following Jesus in your life? Remember that Jesus repeatedly said, "Do not be afraid."

#2 As in any relationship, a relationship with God involves conversation. What can you do this week to make more time for prayer—for talking to God—in my life? Choose a time of day that you will reserve for getting to know God better. You may want to put it as an appointment in your calendar so that you don't forget.

#3 Reflect on the following quote about prayer from St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the order of Jesuits.

"We must speak to God as a friend speaks to his friend, servant to his master; now asking some favor, now acknowledging our faults, and communicating to Him all that concerns us, our thoughts, our fears, our projects, our desires, and in all things seeking His counsel."

What is your experience with prayer? Have you ever spoken to God as a friend? Do you feel comfortable sharing all of your thoughts, even

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your fears and desires, with God? Write down one fear and one desire that you could share with God this week.

#4 Jesus called those who came to him to believe in him, that they might have life abundant. Not everyone, however, answered the call to follow him. How will you respond?