FOR THE CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

God of Mercy and Compassion, we give You thanks and praise for your love for us.

Consecrated by baptism and nourished through the Eucharist, we are privileged to be your holy and faithful people.

We are gathered together as the Church in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, united with our Bishop, and in union with our Holy Father, as the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, vibrant members of the Body of Christ.

As disciples of Your Son and our Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted us with the sacred purpose of joyfully living our faith and faithfully sharing the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Aware of our current challenges, while at the same time enthused by our new opportunities, we ask your grace to open our hearts to the guidance and direction of your Holy Spirit.

Please inspire the men you are calling to be your holy priests and deacons so they generously answer your call to serve God’s people.

May all of us be filled with a desire to use the gifts and talents You have given us in helping to advance the mission of the Church.

Let the examples of those who have gone before us in faith, and in a particular way our dear Blessed Mother, inspire us to take up our crosses and follow You with hope and perseverance.

May we be the leaven which will renew us in Christ and help to advance the Kingdom of God among us.

We ask this through the intercession of our beloved patron, Saint Augustine, and through Christ our Lord.

Amen

+ Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley
Bishop of Kalamazoo