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The Conversion of Saint Paul

My dear sisters in Christ:

As the newly installed Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, it is my pleasure to extend this invitation to you and to encourage you to attend *The Heart of the Matter*, the first-ever Rochester Catholic Women's Conference, to be held March 1, 2014 at Aquinas Institute, in Rochester.

This Conference, honoring the dignity of women and desiring to assist women of all ages in their exalted vocations, will include the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, uplifting music and engaging speakers addressing relevant topics, all of which will prepare the attendees for the holy season of Lent, which begins the following week.

It is my prayer that this Conference will contribute to the building up of the Catholic faith in the Diocese and serve as an important part of the New Evangelization called for by Blessed Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and now our Holy Father, Pope Francis. I am grateful for the organizers of this event who worked closely with the staff at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, for their initiative, prayers and planning. I hope that you are able to be present for this Conference to discover, or even rediscover, Jesus Christ as the Heart of the Matter.

Asking the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the woman of courageous and extraordinary faith to intercede for you, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester