



Dear Bishop Oliveto:

I am so grateful for your presence among us in the Rocky Mountain Conference. I already feel your energy and love for our students at Iliff who are preparing for a host of transformational ministries. Since that one year we overlapped in seminary, I have had a strong sense of your call to social justice. You have lived this call in your appointments both in academia and in the challenges of urban ministry. You embody what I hope all of our Iliff students will find within themselves.

So Bishop (Our Bishop), allow me to speak directly to you and may all who read this be witness...

The authenticity of your call to the role of bishop is clear. It has been affirmed in rich community. It is evidenced by your capacity to love, your compassionate grace, your joy of life, your courage, and your inspired insight. May you continue to be guided by the God-given goodness that is planted as a gift deep within your humanity. May your leadership continue to open us and the whole Church to learn from everything we encounter along the way. May your compassion be contagious so that we see each person with love and possibility. And, with you as reminder, may a ray of hope go ahead of us with the same force of a transforming courage so we will not be daunted by what has been deemed insurmountable.

Blessings to you as you lead us. Blessings to you Bishop Karen and Deaconess Robin as you live and serve among us. Our joy is with you.

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