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**Prayer for Parish Campaign Meeting #1: Initial Orientation with the Pastor**

**Opening Prayer**

Leader: In the name of the Father †...

Jesus Christ is the same

ALL: yesterday, today and forever.

Leader: We gather in the name of our God in whom we live and move and have our being.

**Scripture**

John 14:1 (NRSV)

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Reader: A reading from the Gospel of John.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Silent Reflection**

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Leader: Let us take a moment and silently reflect on the Word we have heard.

**Prayer**

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ALL: Most loving God, you have placed a new task before us.

There will be challenges, which we will meet bolstered by Your strength.

There will be decisions to make, which we will discern with Your guidance.

There will be work to do, which we will accomplish fed by Your grace.

We ask You to be with us as we begin this new adventure in faith. Help us to see the great good that will be accomplished when we answer Your call to build the kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**At the end of the meeting, the following Campaign Prayer is prayed:**

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Leader: With generous hearts we pray...

ALL: O loving and generous God,  
source of all life, holiness and goodness,  
we thank you for the many gifts you give us  
throughout our lifelong journey of faith.

With **faith** in our future,  
we commit ourselves to the support of Catholic education  
and our own lifelong faith formation.

With **hope** in the here and now,  
we ask you to nourish us in your Spirit  
so that we may be faithful stewards of your gifts.

With **love**, may the sacrifice of our joyful giving  
be an outward sign of the true treasure we hold in Jesus.

O faithful God, keep us always mindful  
of the good that can happen  
when we allow you to work through us  
as one family united in faith.

We entrust our prayer through the intercession  
of Mary, the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God,  
and St. John, the Evangelist, patron of our archdiocese,  
as we pray through Jesus Christ  
who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

Faith In Our Future Campaign Prayer

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