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**Prayer for Parish Campaign Meeting #3: Leadership Team Enlistment**

**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.

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**Scripture**

Romans 12:1-2 (NRSV)

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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**Prayer of Discernment**

Leader: O God, we acknowledge our spiritual gifts, given so freely to each of us. In the honesty, affirmation and support we have received from others, we now realize anew our need to be good stewards of the many gifts you have bestowed on us.

Give me wisdom, O God...

ALL: ...to discern Your will for me at this time in my life amidst all of my other responsibilities.

Leader: Enlighten me...

ALL: ...to see more fully how I may use my time, my unique talents and my treasure for the greater good of this parish community.

Leader: Strengthen me...

ALL: ...to meet the challenges that await me. Help me to listen to your Spirit speaking deep inside me.

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Leader: Give me the courage...

ALL: ... to say yes to this commitment if it be your will.

Leader: Teach me...

ALL: ...to be generous.

Leader: Fortify me...

ALL: ...with the grace of your Holy Spirit and give your peace to my soul that I may be free from all needless anxiety, solicitude and worry.

### **Silent Reflection**

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Leader: Let us take a moment to reflect on God's call for each one of us in the Faith in Our Future campaign.

### **Reflection Response**

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Leader: Let the words of the Prophet Isaiah become our prayer:

ALL: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' (Isaiah 6:8 NRSV)

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

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Leader: Dear God, we ask for a special blessing, while as a group, we humbly pray our campaign prayer:

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.

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