

## **Prayer for Founder's Day Celebration**

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God of Mercy, on this festive day as we celebrate those who, in notable ways, have embraced the mission of this Catholic university and of [founding community], we thank You for the vision, established so many years ago, that has guided and sustained us through many decades of change, turmoil, and growth and brought us to this fertile time in our distinctive history.

Bless the keepers and sustainers of the vision: those who administer and lead, who are privileged to speak in the name of the mission, and to inflame hearts with visions of what can be. Bless, too, all those who live the vision, who daily implement with sturdy, steady hands, with humor and compassion, with surprising creativity and unfailing generosity what our founders hoped for and what they never dreamed.

We rejoice in all that You have wrought through us and ask for the gift of Your Holy Spirit that we may continue to seek Your will, follow it with courage and conviction, and implement it with skill and creativity.

Imbue us all with the goodness and selfless love that characterized our founders so that all we do will bring You glory.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

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