

Prayer for a Faculty Meeting

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Creator of Adam, rescuer of Noah ... One God of Abraham and Sarah ... O Most Holy who spoke to Moses from the burning bush ... O most compassionate who blew into Mary, Mother of Jesus from Your Blessed Spirit ... O infinitely wise who chose Mohammad to be a messenger ...

O provident Father, who raised up John Baptist de La Salle, patron saint of teachers... and in his tradition, saintly Brothers and Lasallians of all faith traditions for more than three centuries - and still today, among us here and now... As an academic community of inquiry and discovery, we seek Your divine guidance as we begin again, turning the page, revealing the next chapter in the book of the life of [name of institution].

Continue to bless us as we move forward, course syllabi prepared and disseminated, advising, registration, drop and add period completed. We continue to move forward implementing our strategic plan, its vision and goals to lead us, to teach us, to challenge us to draw fresh water from the depths of the wells of wisdom within us - to hold a mirror before our eyes, that we might see truthfully the beautiful, and flood reality of our mission, of our humanity, dignity, and sacredness as individual and institution.

Yes, this is Your holy ground upon which we tread in the teaching and learning enterprise, a sacred encounter with which we are entrusted and engaged ... Called and invited to be ministers of God to those entrusted to our care ... No small tasks we ask of our students, and also of ourselves.

Let us commence. Let us invoke and welcome, for a new beginning is upon us. New pages are now to be written and the pen - chalk - keyboard rest expectantly in each of our hands. The page turns. The first words of the next chapter in the book of the life of [name of institution] are now to be written. As we begin again, with faith, hope, and love, may Your Spirit lead the way, both now and forever.

Amen.

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