

COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS PRAYERS FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION AND JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION PRAYER FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

GRACIOUS GOD, GRANT US WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT AS WE PLAN THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH AND STRIVE TO BUILD ST. THOMAS MORE AS A COMMUNITY AND AS A NEW CHURCH BUILDING. HELP US TO KNOW YOUR WILL. REVEAL FOR US HOW ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH CAN BEST SERVE YOU. GUIDE US AS WE SEEK TO SERVE THE POOR AS POPE FRANCIS HAS ASKED US TO DO. LEAD US AS WE BRING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL, THE TEACHING OF JESUS, TO ALL. WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, AMEN

FINANCE COUNCIL PRAYER FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

GOD WHO GIVES US ALL GOOD THINGS, WE PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION. FROM CONCERNING OURSELVES WITH HOW MUCH WE HAVE AND HOW MUCH WE NEED, TO BEING MORE CONCERNED THAT THE NEEDS OF OTHERS ARE MET. FROM BEING CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS WHO FOLLOW THE LETTER, BUT NOT THE SPIRIT, OF CHURCH TEACHINGS, TO THOSE WHO LOVE AND EMBRACE YOUR COMMANDS. WE PRAY THAT OUR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION BEARS THE FRUIT OF GENEROSITY AND ABUNDANCE IN AND AMONG OUR PARISH FAMILY SO THAT: THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF RUNNING THE CHURCH, KEEPING THE DOORS OPEN, THE LIGHTS AND HEAT ON, ARE MET TO OVERFLOWING BY YOUR HOLY PEOPLE RESPONDING TO YOUR CALL TO GIVE EVERYTHING BACK TO THE LORD WITH INCREASE. OUR FIRST QUESTION TO OUR NEIGHBORS AND TO ONE ANOTHER IS, "WHAT DO YOU NEED...WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?" WE CREATE A CHURCH FILLED WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF OUR YOUTH, SENIORS, AND ADULTS ALIKE. WE PRAISE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE SPECIAL BLESSING OF WITNESSING THE BUILDING OF A NEW CHURCH BUILDING IN THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH. MAY IT BECOME A TOUCHSTONE REMINDING US THAT YOU ARE HERE IN OUR MIDST. AMEN

INTERCULTURAL COMMISSION PRAYER FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

WE THANK YOU, GOD, THAT YOU HAVE MADE EACH OF US UNIQUELY DIFFERENT, YET EACH OF US IN YOUR OWN IMAGE. WE JOIN THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH IN CELEBRATING THE BEAUTIFUL BLEND OF CULTURES, ETHNICITIES, AND TRADITIONS THAT FORM OUR PARISH FAMILY. WE PRAY THAT OUR NEW CHURCH BE A PLACE OF WELCOME FOR EVERYONE: THE STRANGER, THE ALIEN, THE REFUGEE, THE BROKEN, AND THE LOST. MAY THEY RECEIVE COMFORT AND RESPECT IN THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THEIR CULTURE OF ORIGIN. MAY SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH BE AN EXAMPLE OF YOUR KINGDOM ON EARTH, WHERE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE WORLD LIVE AND WORSHIP AS ONE IN THE PEACE AND HARMONY THAT FLOWS FROM THE LOVE OF GOD IN OUR MIDST. AMEN

LITURGY COMMISSION PRAYER FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

A NEW CHURCH AT ST. THOMAS MORE A NEW CHURCH AT ST. THOMAS MORE GRACIOUS GOD, THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR WORD, PEARLS OF WISDOM WHICH WE TUCK INTO OUR HEARTS AND MINDS, TO CALL UPON FOR ENCOURAGEMENT, HOPE, AND PEACE. WE PROCLAIM YOUR WORD IN WORSHIP OF YOUR HOLY NAME. THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF MUSIC WHICH DELIGHTS OUR SENSES AND STIRS OUR EMOTIONS. AS ONE VOICE, WE SING IN WORSHIP OF YOUR HOLY NAME. THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, BY WHOSE SACRIFICE WE ARE ABLE TO BE CALLED YOUR CHILDREN. WITH SACRED REVERENCE WE FEED EACH OTHER OF HIS BODY AND BLOOD IN WORSHIP OF YOUR HOLY NAME. BLESS YOUR PRIESTLY PEOPLE AS WE GATHER TO WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, TO BE FED BY YOUR WORD, TO SHARE IN YOUR BODY AND BLOOD AND BECOME, IN TURN, A BLESSING TO ONE ANOTHER. AS WE BUILD AND MOVE INTO A NEW PLACE OF WORSHIP, MAY WE CONTINUE TO HONOR OUR SACRED RITES AND TRADITIONS. MAY WE CONTINUE TO BE A VIBRANT AND LOVING SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY; TRANSPLANTED TO GROW AND FLOURISH IN OUR NEW SURROUNDINGS. MAY WE GO FORTH WITH JOY, TO SHARE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IN WORD AND ACTION WITH EVERYONE WE MEET. AMEN

PASTORAL COUNCIL PRAYER FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

GOD OUR FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THE VIBRANT AND DIVERSE PEOPLE YOU HAVE BROUGHT TOGETHER TO BE OUR PARISH FAMILY. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE, YOUR PEOPLE, ARE IMPERFECT, AND THEREFORE IN NEED OF YOUR LOVING CARE AND GUIDANCE AS WE STRIVE TO BECOME THE LIVING PRESENCE OF CHRIST TO ONE ANOTHER AND TO THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. WE CALL UPON OUR HOLY PATRON, SAINT THOMAS MORE, TO INTERCEDE ON OUR BEHALF AS WE PRAY FOR SUCCESS IN BUILDING A CHURCH THAT REFLECTS WHO WE ARE: YOUR HEART AND HANDS AND FEET ON EARTH, HERE TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER AND ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN; AND A PLACE OF NURTURING, THAT WE MAY TRULY CALL OUR SPIRITUAL HOME. HELP US TO CREATE A COMMUNITY WHERE WE ALL WORK TOGETHER FOR A COMMON PURPOSE; WHERE WE KNOW AND CARE ABOUT ONE ANOTHER; WHERE WE KNOW THAT OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR US IN TIMES OF NEED AND IN TIMES OF JOY. WE PRAY THAT OUR HEARTS AND MINDS AND SPIRITS BE OPEN TO YOUR WILL FOR US, IN THE UNITY OF YOUR SON, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. AMEN

SCHOOL COMMISSION PRAYER FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

GOD OF ALL, WE THANK YOU FOR BLESSING US WITH INTELLIGENCE, CURIOSITY, UNDERSTANDING, AND REASON. OPEN OUR EYES TO SEE YOUR HAND AT WORK IN THE GROWTH AND BUILDING UP OF OUR PARISH. OPEN OUR MINDS TO DISCOVER NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AS THE PRIMARY MISSION OF OUR PARISH: A MISSION TO GROW, NURTURE, AND PREPARE FUTURE GENERATIONS WHO WILL TAKE YOUR GOSPEL TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, LIVING AND SHARING THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST IN ALL THEY SAY AND DO. BY BUILDING THIS NEW CHURCH, MAY WE SHOW

OUR CHILDREN WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN WE WORK IN ONE ACCORD TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR WILL. MAY OUR NEW CHURCH BE A SYMBOL OF THE HONOR AND HUMILITY WITH WHICH WE APPROACH YOU, THE ONE TRUE AND LIVING GOD, WHEN WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP YOU. MAY OUR NEW CHURCH BE THE CENTER OF A SPIRITUAL HOME FOR OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEARS. WE PRAY THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, AMEN

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION AND HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE PRAYER FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

DEAR LORD JESUS, WE PRAISE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR THE MANY GIFTS AND ABUNDANT LOVE THAT YOU HAVE BESTOWED UPON OUR PARISH FAMILY. AS WE STRIVE TO BE GOOD AND FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US, LET US MEDITATE UPON YOUR GREAT SACRIFICE THAT BROUGHT OUR SALVATION. MAY WE REMEMBER THE CALL TO STEWARDSHIP, GIVING BACK TO GOD WITH INCREASE WHAT HE HAS SO GRACIOUSLY GIVEN TO US, THAT WILL MAKE THIS CHURCH A REALITY. MAY OUR NEW CHURCH BE A PLACE OF GATHERING, WHERE ALL ARE WELCOMED; WHERE THE LOVE OF GOD AND PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL. WHEN WE SEE THE BUILDING MATERIALS TAKE SHAPE AND BECOME TRANSFORMED INTO A BEAUTIFUL PLACE OF WORSHIP, MAY IT BE A VISIBLE REMINDER OF WHAT WE, AS GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE, CAN ACCOMPLISH WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER FOR HIS PURPOSE. IN THE NAME OF JESUS WE PRAY, AMEN

YOUTH COMMISSION PRAYER FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

DEAR GOD, UNDER THE BRANCHES OF THE BIG TREE OF YOUR LOVE, WE GATHER FOR PLAY, AND FOR PICNICS, FESTIVALS, AND HAPPY TIMES SPENT TOGETHER. YOUR STRONG BRANCHES SUPPORT AND LIFT US UP IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE KNOW THAT WE ARE PRECIOUS AND OF GREAT VALUE IN YOUR EYES AND THOSE OF OUR CARETAKERS ON EARTH. WE GATHER TO SEND OUT DEEP ROOTS AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH THROUGH CATECHESIS, AND BY THE EXAMPLE OF TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND OTHER PARISHIONERS AS THEY LIVE OUT THEIR CALL TO HOLINESS. AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, HELP US ALL RESPOND TO THE CALL TO NURTURE THE SEEDS OF FAITH PLANTED AT BAPTISM, CULTIVATE IT AS WE GROW AND BLOSSOM INTO FULL FRUITION AT CONFIRMATION, AND AS WE CONSIDER OUR CALL TO VOCATIONS. JESUS, THE MASTER SOWER, HELP OUR YOUTH TO CULTIVATE THE SOIL OF THEIR FAITH SO THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO YIELD A MORE ABUNDANT AND MORE MATURE HARVEST YEAR AFTER YEAR. HOLY SPIRIT, HELP US TO PREPARE OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS TO BE THE FUTURE LEADERS OF OUR PARISH AND MISSIONERS OF THE FAITH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HELP THEM TO LOVE THEIR FAITH AND TO LOVE YOU BY GIVING US THE STRENGTH AND WISDOM TO SHOW THEM HOW IT CAN BE DONE. MAY OUR NEW CHURCH NOT ONLY MAKE ROOM FOR, BUT PREPARE A SPECIAL PLACE, A "GARDEN" IN WHICH TO NURTURE, GROW, AND SUPPORT OUR SACRED YOUNG PEOPLE. IN YOUR HOLY NAME WE PRAY, AMEN