



PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

Diocese of Metuchen
Metuchen, NJ

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LORD JESUS CHRIST,
ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST
AND GOOD SHEPHERD,
WE THANK YOU
FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS
THAT YOU HAVE POURED ON
OUR LOCAL CHURCH OF METUCHEN.
WE THANK YOU FOR JAMES,
OUR 5TH BISHOP,
AND FOR HIS MANY GIFTS
IN SHEPHERDING YOUR PEOPLE.

HEAR OUR PRAYER
FOR THE SELECTION OF A NEW BISHOP
FOR YOUR LOCAL CHURCH
OF METUCHEN.

WE PRAY FOR LEO, OUR POPE,
THAT HE IS GIVEN WISDOM
IN DISCERNMENT
AND GIVEN WISE COUNSEL
AS HE SELECTS OUR NEXT BISHOP,
WHO WOULD BE EVER MORE
CONFORMED TO YOU,
THE DIVINE MASTER.

LORD,
WE PRAY THAT OUR NEXT BISHOP
WILL HAVE A HEART ON FIRE FOR YOU
AND FOR YOUR CHURCH.
MAY HE BE FILLED WITH WISDOM,
FAITHFULNESS, HOLINESS,
AND ZEAL FOR REIGNITING THE FAITH
AND SPREADING THE GOSPEL
THROUGHOUT CENTRAL NEW JERSEY.

THROUGH THE PRAYERS
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
YOUR MOTHER AND OURS,
DRAW OUR NEW BISHOP
AND THE FLOCKS
ENTRUSTED TO HIS CARE
TO THE FULLNESS OF ETERNAL LIFE
WHERE YOU LIVE AND REIGN
WITH THE FATHER
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,
GOD, FOREVER AND EVER.

AMEN.