





## Nagoya Catholic Diocese 100th Year Anniversary Foundation Prayer

Our most compassionate Heavenly Father, Creator of all things, Guide of our history, we are truly grateful for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Nagoya. We thank you with all our hearts. 450 years ago, the seed of the Gospel was sown in this country. Through the deep faith and missionary zeal of our predecessors, overcoming a period of severe persecution, the fruit of this seed has been handed down to us to the present day. Today, the Diocese of Nagoya, as a community that is a sign of Your Kingdom, a Kingdom that transcends nationality, is embarking on a journey into a new era.

We believe that your Son, Jesus Christ, who's heart is full of infinite compassion, will always be with us, guiding us in every difficulty that we may face in the future. May more people encounter Him and be able to receive the Gospel of Joy that He has given us through His life.

As you send us into the world, through your Holy Spirit, may we throw away all indifference and learn to respect and cherish all life.

And to our Blessed Mother Mary, our Diocese may simply be a "small flock" yet, we ask you to please pray and intercede for us, that we can hold on to the thoughts of Christ and walk the path to life with hope.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.