## **NOVA 25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER BLESSING**

As we gather for this meal,

in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Santifer, Sanctifier

- We ask a blessing on NOVA's <u>past</u> twenty-five years of commitment and service and on our shared joys and sorrows.
- We ask a blessing on our present efforts:
  - --- may they be led by the Spirit,
  - --- and may we not fail to learn from our experience.
- We ask a blessing on our <u>future</u>, as we continue our three-fold experiment:
  - ---help us, O God, to create and maintain community,
  - ---help us to be a "point of light" within the American Roman Catholic Church, and
  - ---help us to manifest our values and identity within the freedom and tensions of American culture.
- We also ask a blessing on all who have made this weekend celebration possible, especially the chefs who prepared this feast. Bless them. Bless them and this our food.

  AMEN.

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