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Dr. Carmen J. Walters
14th President of Tougaloo College

Prayer of Blessing: “*Spiritual Excellence Day*”

Loving and gracious God, through your holy Word you have taught us to strive after all that is true, all that is just, all that is honorable, all that is of excellence and worthy of praise. During this treasured time of transition, we ask your continued blessing upon Tougaloo College that it may continue in the pursuit of excellence through scholarship, leadership, and social justice. Let the light of your countenance shine brightly upon Dr. Carmen J. Walters as the 14th president of this venerable institution. May her tenure, in collaboration with so many dedicated educators and staff, strengthen the firm foundation of faith and love of learning that defines this college, and broaden its horizon toward a hope-filled future. Finally, we ask your blessing upon the families who have entrusted their daughters and sons to the Tougaloo community. May their loving sacrifices be blessed, and may their children grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace. In every way, O God, may you receive the glory through Christ our Lord. Amen

Congratulatory Message

On behalf of the entire Catholic Community of the Diocese of Jackson, MS I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Carmen J. Walters at the outset of her tenure as the 14th president of historic Tougaloo College. May her stewardship and leadership be a blessing well into the future.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Joseph R. Kopacz
Bishop of Jackson