



# Commissioning Members of New Boards of Management

## Before the Mass you will need:

- A candle for each Board of Management in your parish
- To ask if members of the BoM are happy to be part of the Entrance Procession and have their names called out during the Mass
- If the priest is the chairperson or a member of the BoM, you will need to invite someone else to lead this ritual.

## After the Homily

This morning we welcome the people who have been appointed to the new Board/s of Management of our parish primary schools (*you might like to name the schools*).

We thank them for agreeing to take on this responsibility for the next four years. We offer them our prayers and support as we entrust to them this very important task. We invite them to work together to continue to nourish and strengthen the Catholic ethos of our schools. May their leadership help our school communities continue to be places where knowledge is sought and respected, and faith is nurtured and challenged.

*The members of the Board/s of Management are each called by name.*

*The chairperson/s accepts a candle on behalf of the Board of Management. This candle can be lit from the Paschal candle.*

Please accept this candle as a gift from the parish. We ask that you light it during prayer at the beginning of each meeting of the Board of Management. We hope that its light is a reminder of God's presence at the heart of all that we do and say in our Catholic schools.

## Promises of the Members of the Board/s of Management

- ◆ Do you accept the responsibility to manage the parish school on behalf of our patron, Bishop (N.) and our parish community?
- ◆ Do you promise to continue to nourish and strengthen the Catholic ethos of our school/s?
- ◆ Do you promise to continue to help ensure that all children in our schools are given every opportunity to reach their full potential as children of God?

## Blessing for Board/s of Management

Loving God, we ask you to bless the work of all the members of the Board/s of Management in our parish. May their work be characterised by a conviction that Jesus Christ is at the heart of every activity in our Catholic schools, making them places where all are welcome, all are valued and all are called to be the very best that they can be. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Candles might remain lighting on a table in the sanctuary area until Mass is over. They can then be carried out in the closing procession.*