

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING OF MEMBERS OF BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT 2023-2027



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024:

JANUARY 21– JANUARY 27

*It is suggested that this commissioning and blessing take place during Mass/es at the end of Catholic Schools Week 2024 as Sunday January 21 has been designated **Sunday of the Word of God** and there may be other events planned for this.*

YOU WILL NEED

- A Candle for each Board of Management in your Parish. A *wrapper for the candle is attached to the same email as this resource.*
- To ascertain 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 part of the liturgy

AFTER THE HOMILY:

INTRODUCTORY WORDS:

As we come to end of Catholic Schools Week we want to welcome and acknowledge the people in our parish community who have been appointed to be members of the Board/s of Management of our parish primary schools for the next four years. *(You might like to name the schools)*

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2024 is ***Catholic Schools: Communities of Service***. There is no greater witness of service to our Catholic schools than the eight members of the boards of management who give of their time, energy, expertise and wisdom with such generosity of spirit. We thank them for agreeing to take on this responsibility. We offer them our prayers and support as we entrust to them this very important task of managing and leading our Catholic schools. The service that they offer is deeply appreciated and is an invaluable witness to the value that we place on the mission of Catholic education in our diocese. 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 we always seek to do the very best for each child in our care, 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 or the Boards of Management of each school is called forward.

The Chairperson/s accepts a candle on behalf of the Board of Management. This candle may be lit from the Paschal Candle.

PRESENTATION OF CANDLE/S:

Please accept this candle as a gift from the parish. In lighting it at the beginning of each meeting of the Board of Management we are reminded of the importance of spending time in prayer before all our deliberations. The work that you do in managing, leading and supporting our Catholic schools is very important and it will have a very sure foundation when it is rooted in prayer.

COMMITMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD/S OF MANAGEMENT:

As members of the Board of Management you are asked to:

- Manage the parish school on behalf our patron, Bishop Denis and our parish community?
- Continue to nourish and strengthen the Catholic Ethos of our school/s?
- Continue to help ensure that all children in our schools are given every opportunity to reach their full potential as children of God?

BLESSING OF MEMBERS OF BOARD/S OF MANAGEMENT

Loving God, we ask you to bless the work of all who will work as 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 and then be carried out in the closing procession.