

Board Member's Commissioning

Reader #1

The Lord Jesus said that wherever two or three are gathered in His name, He is there with them. We gather together, knowing Christ is always with us as we ask for His blessings on those gathered here to serve our Catholic schools. May all our thoughts and actions be guided by the Spirit and directed to the greater honor and glory of God, our loving Father.

Superintendent

As members of your local school board, you have been chosen to serve your community with love and understanding, with a spirit of stewardship and with kindness and genuine concern for one another. Today you pledge your hearts and hands to support our Bishop, Superintendent, principals and preschool directors and all those engaged in the ministry of Catholic education as we work together to further the mission of the Church through the children.

Reader #2

Reading John 15:15-16

No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what the master is about. I have called you friends, because I have disclosed to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me: I chose you, I appointed you to go and bear fruit.

The Lord has called you to walk with Him as we journey together to serve the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Phoenix.

We offer him our petitions:

Please respond: **Lord, please grant it.**

For the grace to be peacemaker R

For the grace to be witness to you by word and example R

For the grace to be energetic and committed R

For the grace to be attentive R

For the grace to be prudent in dealing with others R

For the grace to be understanding and kind R

For the grace to fulfill my responsibilities well R

For the grace to be dedicated and forthright R

For the grace of insight to solve problems R

For the grace to resolve conflict and difficulties R

For the grace to esteem the dignity of my fellow board member R

For the grace to be thankful for the opportunity to serve R

For the grace to courageously spread your word in our schools and community R

Superintendent

We are commissioned in Baptism to be witnesses to God's love and goodness. Will you accept the commission as board members and take the message of God's love and goodness back to your school community?

R We will

Will you dedicate time to prayer and faith formation so that your life may be further enriched with God's living presence?

R We will

Will you offer your support and prayers to the pastors of our schools who so faithfully minister to our children and our community especially in this "Year for Priests?"

R We will

Will you support the teachers, staff and community of your schools as they bring the joy of Christ's presence to the lives of the children?

R We will

Will you serve your board by being informed and call upon the Spirit for the gifts of patience, wisdom and vision so that the board's decisions will exemplify Christ's presence?

R We will

Will you, Board Members, accept all the responsibilities of this commissioning and walk with the Lord on this journey?

R We will

I now commission you as a board member for our Catholic schools.

We are in your service Lord and pray for your continued blessings and guidance for these your faithful servants. May we be ever mindful of the opportunity we have to make a difference to those we serve. You have said "As you have done it unto the least of these brethren, you have done it also unto me."

We ask this of our most loving Father.

R Amen