

COMMISSIONING A SCHOOL BOARD

Opening Prayer

"Good and Gracious God, we commit ourselves to the call to be your people, going into all the earth to proclaim that you are the lord, bringing harmony and love to your good creation. We pray this and we serve in your name, Amen."

Scripture Reading

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule... So God created human beings in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground"...The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15)

Commissioning

Leader: As those who have committed to following Christ's call in your lives, will you allow the expression of your personality and the exercise of your spiritual gifts and your natural talents to be directed and empowered for the glory of Jesus Christ?

Everyone: With God as our help, we will.

Leader: Will you use this opportunity to serve in a manner that reflects God's Kingdom and our

Catholic values?

Everyone: With God as our help, we will.

Leader: Will you encourage one another toward seeing your work as more than "a job" or a task, with no personal agenda, but as the very means by which God is redeeming the world through His people?

Everyone: With God as our help, we will.

Leader: Will you always give yourselves fully to your work, because you know that your labor in the

Lord is not in vain?

Everyone: With God as our help, we will.

Leader: In whatever you do, will you work with a sincere heart, in the name of Jesus and not simply for

recognition or self-interests.

Everyone: With God as our help, we will.

Scripture Reading

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1Corinthians 10:31)