

COMMISSIONING OF A SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Celebrant School chaplaincy is a pastoral role carried out in an educational setting in a collaborative and co-operative manner, in order to promote the spiritual and human development of the Catholic school community.

It takes the “what” of religious classes and translated it into the “how” of Christian Catholic living in the whole-school context.

And so I ask you:

Will you exercise your ministry for the benefit of the entire school community, both students and staff?

Chaplain I will.

Celebrant Will you be a true listening ear, ready to give time and care to the concerns of all those you meet in your work?

Chaplain I will.

Celebrant Will you constantly seek an increase in the quality of the Christian faith-life of all members of the school community?

Chaplain With God’s help, I will.

The Chaplain bows his/her head. The Celebrant extends his hands over the chaplain, and all present do the same.

Celebrant Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love
you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

We ask you to bless this chaplain.
Send your Spirit on *him/her*
to grant *him/her* the gifts of sensitivity and understanding,
wisdom and insight,
enthusiasm and patience.

We make this prayer in the name of our Way, our Truth and our Life:
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.