Commissioning
Of
School Boards
Welcome

Reflection:

We gather today in the name of our God,
A God who is wisdom, compassion and justice.
Today let us remember that we are standing on country for
which the members and elders of the local Aboriginal
community have been custodians for thousands of years. They
believed in the spirit world – of their ancestors, of the land, the
plants, the sun, the water and the animals. The age old
ceremonies and rituals have been performed and passed down
through generations. We pay respect to their wisdom, their
culture and their unique contribution to the life of this country.
May their spirits watch over us together with the Great Spirit, the
Holy Spirit.

Leader:

Holy Spirit
We ask for a renewed outpouring
Of your power, energy and gifts upon our Archdiocese,
so that our efforts
to embrace the person and vision of Jesus,
to build Communion with God and others,
and to engage in Christ’s Mission
will touch the hearts of many people in Catholic Education in the
Archdiocese of Brisbane
Help us to make a difference in our world.

All: Amen

Candle 1 is lit

This is the light of the present.
This is the light of the wisdom,
The energy and the commitment
That we bring to this gathering
Candle 2 is lit
This is the light of the past
This is the light of our past experiences
of our joy, our sorrows
Our pain and our growth

Candle 3 is lit
This is the light of the future.
As the fire of God dances in us,
We express our faith
That God’s gift of the present and the past
Will give us hope for tomorrow.

Reading: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew
Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land.
Blessed are they who mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.
Blessed are they clean of heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are they peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God
Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader:
Tonight as we begin this journey we acknowledge the gifts each of you bring to this important ministry of governance for Catholic Education.
Commissioning – Board members

Names and Names in the presence of the Board members you are called to begin your term as a member of the XX Insert school name XX school board. We call on you, through this ministry of leadership, to help the Catholic Education Council to integrate the Archdiocesan vision of Jesus Community Mission so that our schools will continue the educational mission of Catholic Education and be faithful to the Gospel.

Commissioning – Board Members

May your work as members of this Catholic Education Council be guided by the Archdiocesan and Catholic Education vision and mission.

Leader:

Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus, we acknowledge the unique and sacred role of the ministry of governance in Catholic Education.

As a sign of our commitment to the ministry of governance for Catholic Education, let us pray together:

All: God of creation, renew in us the will to be faithful to our calling. Grant us eyes to see you in the poor and marginalised. Grant us ears to hear your voice calling to us. Grant us a heart that can love the world as you do.

God of peace, renew in us the will to work in harmony with each other, the peoples of this Archdiocese and our world. Give us patience and determination to work together as we embrace the person and vision of Jesus, build Communion with God and Others, and in Jesus’ Mission in our world.

All: Amen