



August 26, 2009

My Fellow Board Members,

Welcome and congratulations on your important role as a school board member. The job of a board member is vital and offers much value to the pastor, principal and school community. Your commitment, talents and expertise will serve our schools and will undoubtedly make a difference in the lives of the children. We look forward to serving alongside one another and we thank you for accepting this important job.

The Diocesan School Board is committed to making this an exceptional year for all who serve our Diocesan schools. We invite you to join us at the fall In-service on September 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Saint Thomas the Apostle. The morning of workshops will provide you and the members of your board with useful information that can be applied to your role as a school advisory board. The agenda is attached listing the schedule of the day and workshop topics. It is advised that as many of your board members as possible attend the sessions so a maximum amount of information can be obtained and shared with the entire board.. The keynote address will help us remember why we have been called to serve and what a blessing it can be! A special commissioning ceremony will also take place for all in attendance.

As you are aware, our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has declared June 19, 2009 through June 19, 2010 the "Year for Priests". We ask you to join us throughout the year in praying this board members prayer and in a special way celebrating our priests who minister to our schools as only they can do.

Know that you have our support as you take on the challenges of being on an active board! You will be in our prayers for a blessed and successful school year.

See you on September 26th!

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A Board Members Prayer – Year for Priests

O Lord, giver of all,
We ask your blessings on this school year and all that it shall hold.

Bless our priests in this special year, that their work will bear much fruit,
May their words be heard and received in those alive to serve you.
Let their hearts burn with desire to glorify your name,
Keep them close to your Sacred Heart and bring more to the calling of the
priesthood.

Bless the children of our diocese with a love of wisdom,
May their voices lift daily in prayer to you.
Let their hands do your work and their feet walk the path of truth,
Keep them healthy and protected always in your mercy.

Bless our teachers, staff and community as they strive to bring your word to the
children,
May they see and appreciate the goodness in those around them.
Let them feel your presence in all they do,
Keep them safe and alive with your spirit.

Bless this board as we seek to serve you as we serve others,
May we find your wisdom and your will in our actions and decisions.
Let us have willing and obedient hearts,
Keep our minds open that we may be joyful companions as we serve you.

These things we humbly ask of you our heavenly father.

Amen

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