

**BLESSING AND PRESENTATION OF ROSARIES,
COMMISSIONING PRAYER FOR NEW EMPLOYEES**

EMCEE:

We would now ask all new staff working for our school board this year to please come forward to the front of the assembly for our commissioning prayer and presentation of Rosaries.

Blessing of Rosaries

PRESIDER:

Father, You raised up Mary of Nazareth to bring Your Son Jesus into the world, and teach Him with a heart perfectly open to the prompting of Your Spirit. We ask You to bless these Rosaries +. May they remind our new staff of the mission entrusted to them by Christ and His Church. May their work be rooted in prayer, and may they look to Mary's help and example in bringing others to Jesus, Your Son. We make this prayer to You through this same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Commissioning of New Staff

PRESIDER:

In the early Christian Church, it was customary for the assembly of believers to gather members embarking on a new mission, and invoke God's blessing on them in their work. In the same way, I would invite all of you to join me in prayer.

(Optional: Please extend your hands toward your colleagues and pray with me)

Father, in the fullness of time, You sent us Jesus to proclaim the Good News of Your saving love. Bless these new employees +, so that in the power of Your Spirit, they might bear witness to Your Son's Gospel with their lives.

Fill their minds with wisdom, knowledge and understanding; their hearts with courage, peace and joy; strengthen them in their difficult moments, and inspire their colleagues to support them as they contribute the gifts You have given them to the life of our Catholic schools.

We make this prayer to You through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.