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Dear Principals,

LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN *FIT FOR MISSION* IN SCHOOLS

Sincere thanks to each of you who attended the workshops regarding the Auckland Catholic Diocese new Pastoral Plan entitled *Fit For Mission*. This Plan is for all parishes, schools and Catholic communities with the Diocese. An information package including resource materials and copies of the Plan (for distribution to members of your school community) was distributed to those who attended one of these workshops. Other schools will have had the information package delivered to your school. I am now asking for your assistance to launch this plan around Pentecost Sunday 8th June 2014

1. It is suggested that you use the separately attached process to assist all staff to understand the Plan and hence be able to provide support for the Plan.
2. As part of the launch it is suggested that a full school assembly including an appropriate liturgy be run to give students some basic understandings of some parts of the Plan – particularly the outreach to those in need.
3. Suggestions for the assembly/liturgy include
 - The PowerPoints *Fit For Mission*, or *What is Missio?* could be used during this assembly.
 - Make a point of talking about mission, service to the wider community, helped by the Holy Spirit. Show a short video of Pope Francis talking about Mission <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZISw2aubcBM>
 - Ask them all to think about what each of them can do this week to give witness, to show by example that they are followers of Christ – offer suggestions, - saying God bless instead of goodbye, saying grace before meals, especially when you are with non-Catholic friends, or in a restaurant, forgiving those who have offended you' talking about your faith....
 - Ask for suggestion as to what else the school as a whole can do in reaching out to others
 - Use the mission prayer in your pack, or on website <https://cdfitformission@weebly.com> or some other suitable intercessory prayers
 - Sing a mission themed hymn e.g. *We are Called* David Haas, *Act Justly* Watts O'Brien, *All are Welcome* Marty Haugen, *Be Not Afraid* Bob Dufford. Other suggestions are in the pack and in the liturgy resource of the website
4. To help launch the Plan to parents and school community please distribute copies on the Plan to families and include in your school newsletter some basic information about the Plan
5. Include a copy of the Plan on your school website together with some basic information about the Plan and include a link to the website

Thank you for your support in launching the Plan and working to implement the plan in your school.

Yours sincerely in Christ

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