The Pope Francis Multi-Academy Company Board of Directors is responsible for:

* setting the strategy which the Object of the MAC is fulfilled;
* establishing and operating successful Catholic academies within our MAC;
* performance and driving up standards of teaching and learning throughout our academies;
* financial management;
* operating the MAC effectively and efficiently;
* ensuring compliance with the MAC’s governing documents
* setting up committees to assist, advise and implement strategies adopted by the directors

The MAC Board is made up of 8 Foundation Directors (appointed by the Archbishop), 2 Principal Directors (Heads), 2 Parent Directors and 2 Staff Directors.

The Pope Francis MAC Board wishes to appoint two Parent Directors. The MAC Board is asking you to nominate someone with parental responsibility for a child at one of the schools in the MAC. If it receives more than two nominations, then a ballot will be held.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. MAC Board Directors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in Catholic education, the schools which are part of the MAC, in the welfare of our children, and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the MAC Board. If you are someone with specific skills such as management, recruitment, finance, for example, would you consider applying? MAC Board Directors also need what is known as ‘soft skills’ – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All MAC Board Directors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

Our MAC Board expects Directors to

* attend 3–4 meetings per year of the MAC Board;
* to consider sitting on the 2 core committees with an additional 3–4 meetings per year;
* visit each of the schools in the MAC at least once a year; and
* commit to attend training courses and perform additional research as required.

In return, our MAC Board commits to

* provide you with a structured induction;
* provide access to quality training; and
* provide you with an experienced Board Director as mentor.

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance of the MAC, please email me with your contact details and I will pass on your details to the Chair who will then arrange a time for a conversation.

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