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Dear Parents,

Over the past eighteen months our Bishop, John Arnold has been working with our schools to consider how best we can work together for the common good. Bishop John has made clear that he would like all schools in the Salford Diocese to join one of three Catholic Academy Trusts. We at St John Fisher RC Primary School would join the **St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust**, along with all Roman Catholic schools in Bolton, Bury, Rochdale, Salford and Wigan.

Our Governing Board have discussed this over the course of this year, and are now keen to formally explore joining this Trust. Our challenge as school leaders is to secure high quality, excellent Catholic education for the benefit of our current pupils and build a diocesan system of schools fit for future generations for decades to come.

Our school is stable and we see the benefits being part of this Trust would bring. We are keen to help shape this Trust as it grows, but also use some of our skills and talents to help other schools. We are clear that this would be in the interests of our children. With this in mind, the Governing Board of St John Fisher RC Primary School have met with leaders from St Teresa of Calcutta, and see this as a great opportunity to move forward together and fulfil our diocesan mission. Therefore, after considerable years of discernment, the Governing Body has chosen to register their interest in joining the St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust.

As part of this process we are keen to take the views of parents. Should you have any questions or queries about our thinking on this issue, please do not hesitate to email them to office@st-johnfisher.co.uk before Monday 9 June 2025.

We will of course continue to update you as we begin this journey over the coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely,

N. Hadfield

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