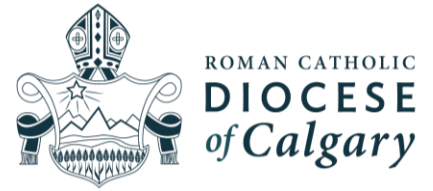


POSITION DESCRIPTION *for*

Volunteer Ministry

Lector



REPORTS TO

Pastor

OVERVIEW

The proclamation of the Word of God, done with clarity and reverence, brings people into a redeeming and transforming relationship with Jesus Christ, the true Word of God. The Lector serves the liturgical assembly by proclaiming Sacred Scripture during the liturgy of the Word at mass and at other liturgical celebrations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Proclaims the biblical text, as scheduled, with clarity, conviction, dignity and understanding
- Prepares for the role by rehearsing, praying and coming to understand the text assigned
- Expresses reverence and decorum in various role aspects, according to liturgical norms
- Otherwise participates fully in the liturgy as an exemplary member of the assembly
- Attends meetings and appropriate training at both the parish and diocesan levels.
- Is faithful to the schedule and arrives early for the liturgy
- Arranges for suitably trained replacement when unable to meet scheduled commitment

QUALIFICATIONS

- Could be any appropriate age but usually would have at least received First Eucharist and be capable of proclaiming the Word of God to the benefit of the assembly
- Is an initiated Catholic who actively participates in parish worship and life
- Understands the importance of the liturgical celebrations to the Church community
- Possesses a love for the Bible and willingness to grow through study, prayer and reflection
- Has the natural and spiritual ability to speak the biblical Word intelligibly and comfortably
- Has an appropriate level of maturity and is open to proclamation coaching as needed
- Is comfortable with being accountable and is sensitive to the observance of proper boundaries and Diocesan standards of care
- Must be aware of their surroundings, cannot be alone with minors or vulnerable adults
- Open and receptive to correction and feedback
- Seeks opportunities to grow within the ministry

TERM

- This _____ year (renewable) term requires _____ hours per week/month
- First level support and supervision is from the Lector Coordinator or Pastor

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All volunteer roles within the Diocese undergo an assessment to determine level of trust and/or risk associated with the role based on a number of factors. This position has been assessed at 'Low' risk. In support of the Safe Environment Program, you will be required to obtain or complete the following in order to participate:

- Volunteer Information Form
- Ministry Position Description Review
- Volunteer Agreement
- Ministry Training and Orientation
- Agree to adhere to the Code of Pastoral Conduct & Accountability for Volunteers (2 pages)
- Praesidium Safe Environment Training completed within the 1st year of Ministry
- Ongoing Supervision and Evaluation