

Catholic Missioner (half time)

Job Description

Job title: Catholic Missioner

Grade/Salary: Half stipend equivalent

Hours of work: 17.5 hours per week – flexible

Normal place of work: St Paul Royton and the Deaneries of Oldham West and East

Line Manager: A member of the Diocesan Mission and Ministry Team. In addition, a support group will be established, convened and chaired by the Archdeacon of Rochdale

Terms and Conditions: This post is offered with a contract of employment from the Manchester DBF. Fixed for 5 years, with a possibility of extension.

Culture

Following the Five Guiding Principles of the House of Bishops Declaration regarding mutual flourishing, this post seeks to help, particularly catholic parishes, to focus on strategies and delivery plans that will foster growth in the Five Marks of Mission and support initiatives for deepening discipleship, spiritual growth, evangelization and engaging with the local community.

The post-holder will therefore

- be someone confident in their own faith, comfortable in the Anglo-Catholic tradition, and respectful of the wider traditions in the Church of England.
- have proven experience in seeing churches of a Catholic tradition grow in number, in spiritual health, and in community engagement.
- have proven experience in working with the wider Church of England structures, whether at deanery or diocesan level.

Key Tasks as Catholic Missioner

- To build relationships with Catholic parishes, initially in the Deaneries of Oldham East and West, supporting them in their mission and building bridges between Society and other catholic parishes.

This will include working with these parishes:

- To develop and implement their Mission Action Plans

- To develop and support initiatives for growing numerically and deepening discipleship and commitment among church members
- To foster vocations to ordained and lay ministries and the religious life
- To develop a stronger culture of giving and mutual support
- To develop a culture of collaboration and the forming of ministry teams or equivalent, within and between parishes,
- To develop appropriate partnerships with the wider community including the wider use of church buildings as community assets

The post holder will be seen as a diocesan resource and work with officers in the Mission and Ministry Department to support the wider resourcing of mission and evangelism in the diocese; contributing to training and events, bringing insights and experience from the Catholic perspective.

The post holder will work with the Archdeacons and Suffragans responding to requests from them to offer missional support to parishes

Operating Context and Key relationships

- a) Licensed half time: the post being linked to the half time stipendiary post currently in place at St Paul's Royton
- b) At a local level – working with clergy and PCCs in catholic parishes
- c) At a deanery level – encouraging and modelling collaborative ministry, particularly the deanery chapters
- d) At a diocesan level –being a member of the Mission Support Clergy Group, meeting three times a year and reporting annually to the Diocesan Synod
- e) Sharing learning through appropriate discipleship and training with the diocesan ministry and training team
- f) Liaising nationally with others who are doing similar work – viz those in Sheffield and Lichfield
- g) Regular meetings with the line manager
- h) Part of the required support group

Post of Mission Support Priest – Catholic Missioner

Person Specification

	Essential requirements	Desirable requirements	Method of assessment Application Form (AF) Interview (I) Presentation (P) Test (T)
Qualifications An ordained priest in the Church of England A member of the Society	√ √		AF
Experience Experience of growing the church numerically and spiritually Experience of working effectively across the theological and ecclesiological spectrum of the C of E Experience of training both lay and ordained ministers	√ √	√	AF/I AF/I
Knowledge and skills The ability to identify and nurture Christian vocations A proven ability to work effectively with and in a team, collaboratively, and on your own. The ability to motivate, inspire and lead others. Excellent administrative and planning skills Ability to track progress of mission activity and write reports	√ √ √ √ √		AF/I AF/I AF/I AF/I AF/I
Work related circumstances Driving license and access to use of a car Willingness to share learning with the wider	 √	√	AF/I AF/I

diocese			
Willingness to contribute to training events in mission and evangelism	v		AF/I

There is an Occupational Requirement for the post holder to be a practising Christian in accordance with Schedule 9 to the Equality Act 2010.

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The Archdeacon of Rochdale, Cherry Vann, will be happy to discuss further any aspects of this role.