

DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTETOWN

Lector

Overview:

The Lector serves the liturgical assembly by proclaiming Sacred Scripture during the Liturgy of the Word. The competent exercise of this role enables the Church to hear the Word of God more clearly and receive it more readily.

Activities/Responsibilities

- Prepares for her/his role by rehearsing, praying over and coming to understand the biblical text assigned her/him for a particular liturgical celebration.
- Participates fully in the Liturgy as an attentive member of the assembly.
- Proclaims the biblical text with clarity, conviction, dignity and understanding.
- Expresses reverence and decorum in carrying out this and other aspects of her/his role according to the general liturgical norms (procession, handling of the Lectionary, etc.).
- Is faithful to the schedule of assignments and helpful in assuring that all the parish community's liturgical assemblies are adequately served with lectors.
- Participates in rehearsals of liturgical rites in the parish community.

Skills, Experience and Personal Qualities

- Is a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, prepared and commissioned.
- Must have sufficient skills and maturity to serve the liturgical assembly.
- Understands the importance of the liturgical celebrations of the Church.
- Has natural and spiritual ability to speak the biblical Word intelligibly and comfortably.
- Desires to serve the community and to commit time and talents to this ministry.
- Possesses a love for the Bible and an aptitude to share this Word with others.
- Willing to grow in understanding the scriptures through study, prayer and reflections.
- Maintains confidentiality appropriate to this ministry.

Screening Recommendations

This is a **General Risk** position, needing completion of a Volunteer Information Form.

This ministry position description generally reflects the Ministry of Lector currently practised at

_____ Parish.

Parish Volunteer Screening Committee

Pastor

Date