

Job Description and Person Specification

Salisbury Catholic Deanery Youth Worker

With engagement in Catholic schools

Reports To	Parish Priest
Organisation	Clifton Diocese – Salisbury Catholic Deanery
Date	July 2017

Purpose of Job

To support young people of the Catholic Deanery of Salisbury, including parishes & schools, in their development and understanding of discipleship through a lived Catholic faith. Provide a wide range of opportunities for them locally; through working with volunteers within the parish & school staff, and linking with the opportunities provided by the Clifton Diocese and nationally through CYMFed.

Key Accountabilities

- Provide a variety of programmes and opportunities for young people in the Deanery parishes that communicate the Gospel message through diverse mediums.
- Build sustainable and appropriate relationships with young people.
- Deliver sessions to form young people in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Build professional relationships with parishes, diocesan clergy, volunteers & catechists, and diocesan primary & secondary schools.
- Recruit, encourage, supervise and manage a team of volunteers.
- Provide retreat opportunities for young people.
- Create a strong link with young people of Secondary School age and be a presence in Deanery Catholic Schools.
- To communicate ecumenically and engage in opportunities for evangelisation.
- Ensure that Diocesan & School Safeguarding and Health & Safety policies are adhered to when working with young people.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

The candidate will have a clear knowledge and understanding of Youth Ministry in the Catholic Church and parish based evangelisation. The candidate will be willing to work with a team of catechists in the formation of young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

They will possess excellent communication skills and a natural ability to connect with young people of all ages. They will be able to self-manage and motivate themselves and volunteers. They will have good time-management skills. The candidate will be open to advancing their own knowledge and skills in working with young people. Experience of larger events and pilgrimages would be an advantage.

Key Contacts

Internal

- Parish Clergy
- Parish employees
- Volunteers
- Head teachers of Deanery Catholic schools

External

- Diocesan Coordinator of Youth Ministry
- Department of Adult Education & Evangelisation
- Diocesan Schools & Colleges Chaplaincy Coordinator
- CAFOD, SVP & other Catholic agencies

Qualifications

Educated to a level with a relevant qualification in Youth Work and/or Education.

Personal Specification

A candidate should have:

- Experience of leading Youth Ministry in a church setting.
- Working knowledge of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and environment.
- Ability to work collaboratively and independently.
- Good communication, organisation and creative skills.
- Proficient IT skills and ability to use multi-media.
- Full UK Driving License with own transport.

Application process

Application forms with a covering letter should be returned to:

Rev Canon Michael Fitzpatrick
95 Exeter Street
Salisbury. SP1 2SF.

Email: michael.fitzpatrick@priest.cliftondiocese.com

Closing date for applications: Friday 28th July 2017

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 2nd August 2017.