



Introduction

The Diocesan Ministry Programme implements a process of academic, spiritual, pastoral, and practical formation and training. Local Ministry Recognition, which is a lay commissioned ministry, is for those who express a desire to fulfil a specific role in their local Church, with the support of the Parish Priest and Church Council. Those specific roles could be:

Local Worship Leader

Local Worship Leaders, working with other Ministers, express the participation of all Christ's people in the liturgy. They help the Church to worship well; not replacing clergy, but enabling the whole congregation to participate fully, reverently, and meaningfully in the life of prayer. Those called to be Local Worship Leaders engage in a 5-week webinar series:

- Session 1:** Understanding Christian Worship
- Session 2:** The Christian Year
- Session 3:** Elements of Worship
- Session 4:** Leading in Worship
- Session 5:** The Local Worship Leader

Pastoral Care Assistant

Pastoral Care Assistants, working with other Ministers, demonstrate the faith of all Christ's people by showing Christlike love and concern for others. They do so by undertaking pastoral tasks, both inside and outside Church buildings. They embody the Church's calling to "bear one another's burdens" by offering presence, compassion and prayer, so that individuals know that they are seen, valued, and not alone. Those called to be Pastoral Care Assistants engage in a 5-week webinar series:

- Session 1:** The heart and call of pastoral care
- Session 2:** The art of listening
- Session 3:** Boundaries, Ethics, and Privacy
- Session 4:** Caring for people in crisis
- Session 5:** Undertaking the Visit

Catechist

A **Catechist** is someone equipped with the biblical, theological, liturgical and practical skills needed to help children, young people and adults in understanding the Christian faith and growing in discipleship. Those called to be Catechists engage in a 5-week webinar series:

- Session 1:** Called to teach the Faith
- Session 2:** Knowing the Faith we teach
- Session 3:** Word, Prayer, and Worship
- Session 4:** Teaching for Transformation
- Session 5:** Teaching others to follow Christ

If you are feeling called to any of these ministries, then please speak to your Parish Priest