

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES IN A PARISH

This is an indicative list of activities in a parish that may be undertaken by a volunteer. It is not an **exhaustive** list of possible activities.

Voluntary work in a parish can be **defined** as any unpaid work provided by a lay individual which assist the parish in its needs. This would cover all types of works in the parish including administrative, pastoral and liturgical activities.

### **Parish Councils and Committees**

Include all members on each committee. Time spent at meetings, preparing for meetings and all follow-up requirements.

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Parish Finance Committee

- Numerous parish committees and groups
- Liturgical, Music, Youth, Caring, etc

### **Parish activities**

#### **Works & Maintenance**

- Gardeners
- Groundspeople
- Parking attendants
- Safety Officers
- Cleaners

#### **Liturgy activities, members, groups**

- Lay Leaders of Prayer
- Ministers of Holy Communion
- Communion to the Sick
- Ministers of the Word
  - Readers,
  - Prayers of the Faithful
  - Those who prepare the prayers
- Altar Servers
- Ministers of Music
  - Organists
  - Musicians
  - Choirs
  - Cantors
- Ministers of the Assembly
  - Greeters
  - Collectors
  - Ushers
  - Flower decorators
  - Cleaners
  - Sacristans (prepare church, altar, sanctuary for services)
  - Projectionists

Ministers of Initiation  
RCIA/RCICC Leaders, teams, sponsors, catechists  
Those who train the ministers  
Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word Presiders  
People who prepare the rosters

**Religious Education activities, members, groups**

Catechists for Sacramental Preparation  
Baptism course Co-ordinators  
Reconciliation,  
Confirmation  
First Holy Communion  
CCD/PPE catechists  
Adult Education Co-ordinator  
Adult Education Catechist/s

**Youth Groups**

Youth leaders

**Caring Groups**

Hospitality group (Providers of catering for all parish occasions from cups of tea after Masses, to Parish Dinners.)  
Bereavement groups, both pastoral & catering  
Home visitors, drivers, helpers

**Legion of Mary**

Home visitors

**Communications**

Parish Bulletin/Newsletters  
Website  
Parish magazine deliverers  
Notice Boards

**Multicultural Groups**

Catholic Ethnic group leaders  
Choirs  
Sunday schools  
Programme Leaders

**Evangelisation Groups**

Project organisers

**Ecumenical Contacts**

Organisers of ecumenical events - Good Friday Processions etc