



SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM MEMBER

<u>Location:</u>	Based in Wirral, delivering to parishes and schools throughout the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury
<u>Reporting to:</u>	Director of Youth Mission Team
<u>Hours of work:</u>	35 hours a week including evening and weekend working as required
<u>Salary</u>	£19,000 - £22,000 dependant on experience

Outline of role

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT) engages with young people in schools and parishes across the Diocese. It comprises full-time employees and lay and clergy volunteers. The full-time employees are the stable members of the team led by a director.

SYMT is tasked by the Bishop to give witness in the parishes and schools of the Shrewsbury Diocese and to invite young people post-confirmation (Year 9 and above) to youth retreats, formation days and celebrations which the team will organise, facilitate and, where appropriate, lead. SYMT will also seek to promote an understanding of the vocation of marriage and its role in life and faith.

SYMT will be available to support the Diocesan preparation and follow-up programmes for young people following Confirmation and to support Diocesan gatherings of school students.

SYMT must be available to support the Diocesan youth pilgrimages to Lourdes; take a lead in developing engagement with national events such as the annual Youth 2000 Prayer Festival and take a leading role in facilitating Diocesan engagement with World Youth Day.

SYMT will also seek to explore and develop new ways of undertaking mission in the New Evangelisation including developing our social networking sites and website as well as other media resources in order to effectively communicate the Gospel and the Catholic faith for the young.

Key Roles & Responsibilities

The successful candidate will be a faithful practising Catholic, happily living their faith and willing to give positive witness to young people and to serve as a representative of the Bishop and Diocese of Shrewsbury. The successful candidate will:

- support the Director in their work to ensure delivery of the strategy for Youth Mission, working with parish based Youth Mission Team staff as required;
- with the Director, plan lead and facilitate as required visits to the parishes and schools of the diocese in order to offer the witness of the youth mission team in the context of Sunday Masses and parish events; school assemblies; classes and other educational activities including diocesan gatherings of school students;
- support the Director in the recruitment of young adult volunteers or in assisting parishes in recruiting such volunteers, providing training as required;
- as required by the Director organise Diocesan youth retreats, days of formation and celebration to which the team will seek to actively invite young people through their witness in parishes and schools;
- be available to lead on support for Diocesan preparation and follow-up programmes for Confirmation candidates and diocesan gatherings of school students;
- be available to support the Director for Diocesan youth pilgrimages, which will be a condition of employment, in particular the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes; to work with the Director in developing engagement with national youth events. SYMT will also take a leading role in organising and leading the diocesan groups taking part in World Youth Day;
- work with the Director to explore and develop new ways of undertaking youth mission in the New Evangelisation including developing our social networking sites and website as well as other media resources with the aim of more effectively communicating the Gospel and the Catholic faith. To be aware of the development of new initiatives for youth evangelisation in the wider Catholic Church;
- actively co-operate with the Bishop in carrying out the mission of the Diocese for the New Evangelisation of the young including attending meetings and reporting to Diocesan bodies as required.
- engage in their own training and development and spiritual formation as appropriate

Competencies required:

Essential

Commitment to give witness to your Catholic faith

Qualified and experienced in youth ministry and working with the young

Excellent verbal, interpersonal and written communications skills

Strong work ethic and a willingness to be flexible

Solid organisational skills and time management

Be able to work effectively within a team, within Diocesan structures and with Diocesan officers, and able to organise effectively the work of others such as volunteers

IT skills, including use of the internet and social media

Full clean UK Driving License and a willingness to travel around the Diocese.

Desirable

Formal qualification in either theology, catechesis, youth work, ministry or evangelisation

Knowledge of youth culture and workings of a diocese

Design, marketing or media skills

Musical skills and ability to lead others in music ministry

Personal Qualities

A practising Catholic happily living their faith

A commitment to prayer and reliance on the grace of God

A sense of humour and willingness to work flexibility

Sense of initiative and generosity in persevering in a task

Creative and forward thinking

Disclosure and Barring Checks

In the event of a successful application an offer of employment may be made to you which is conditional upon receipt of satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service Checks ("DBS Checks") (formerly CRB Check and ISA Check) in relation to criminal and child protection matters. Please note that a conviction will not necessarily be a bar to obtaining employment.

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