

DIOCESAN YOUTH CHAPLAIN

Roles & Responsibilities (Generic)

1. The Diocesan Youth Chaplain is appointed by the Bishop and reports directly to him.
2. The Youth Chaplain is a key person on the Diocesan Youth Council or similar body that co-ordinates the ministry to young people.
3. Brings a spiritual dimension to the ministry and ensures that the ministry is aligned with Biblical principles and standards.
4. Liaises with the Clergy in the Diocese with regard to youth ministry matters.
5. Helps to ensure that every parish has a vibrant and effective youth ministry and that there is growth and development amongst it's leaders and members.
6. Helps to identify youth leaders/workers/pastors and potential future ordinands.
7. Assists with training of youth leaders.
8. Acts as a mentor and coach to Youth leaders.
9. Is one of the delegates to PYC Consultation and represents the Diocese.
10. Engenders enthusiasm and inspiration amongst all the people of the Diocese for Youth Ministry.
11. Manages his/her budget in the execution of his/her duties as outlined above.
12. Helps Youth Leaders to set achievable goals and to support them in the execution thereof.

FUTURE PROPOSALS FOR DIOCESAN YOUTH CHAPLAINS:

We have listed a number of key proposals for discussion and adoption at the Chaplains Consultation in September.

1. That Dioceses consider the full time appointment of Youth Chaplains to progress the youth ministry much faster and that it is recommended that such appointment be done within the next 24 months.
2. That Chaplains undergo a 3 to 5 days training seminar each year to hone their skills to ensure that they are up to date with youth development trends.
3. That Dioceses ensure that the Youth Chaplain has a viable expense budget for travelling and other incidental expenses.
4. That the Youth Chaplain enjoys an agenda slot on Diocesan Chapter meetings in order to provide feedback and learnings in terms of the youth ministry.
5. That Dioceses consider the inclusion of the Youth Chaplain in the clergy segment of their representatives to Provincial Synod and Provincial Standing Committee meetings (where appropriate) to ensure that there is a fair Youth representation at these meetings.