

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

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CATHOLIC VOICES, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER Youth Ministry, invite you to apply for rise up: youth leadership project.

Thank you for your interest in applying for a place on this new Youth Leadership Project: Rise Up. Sept-Dec 2021

THE FOLLOWING POINTS ARE TO HELP YOU FILL IN THE FORM AND TO ANTICIPATE QUERIES OR ANXIETIES YOU MAY HAVE. THIS COURSE IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO DEVELOP YOUR PERSONAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND TO BE PART OF THE NEXT GENERATION OF CATHOLIC LEADERS IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER. THE APPLICATION FORM IS FOR US TO ASSESS YOUR SUITABILITY, BUT IS NOT INTENDED TO BE ESPECIALLY ONEROUS ON YOU.

WE WILL GIVE YOU PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. FOR THIS REASON, WE ASK THAT YOU ARE COMMITTED TO THE CHURCH AND TO YOUR FAITH, WITH A DESIRE (AFTER HELP FROM US) TO JOYFULLY SHARE THE CHURCH'S STORY.

OUR EXPECTATIONS

WE ARE NOT EXPECTING YOU TO BE AN ACCOMPLISHED LEADER OR PUBLIC SPEAKER; THE TRAINING WILL HELP YOU BECOME THAT. WE ARE LOOKING FOR POTENTIAL, ENTHUSIASM, PASSION, COMMITMENT AND A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHETHER YOU ARE CONFIDENT ENOUGH OR 'RIGHT' FOR THIS PROJECT, PLEASE DO NOT LET THAT DETER YOU FROM APPLYING.

WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU; THE TRAINING ITSELF WILL ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. ALTHOUGH NO ONE IS UNDER ANY OBLIGATION, OUR EXPECTATION IS THAT, AFTER THE COURSE, YOU WOULD CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMMES WITHIN THE DIOCESE OR IN THE WIDER CHURCH.





TELL US ABOUT YOU (200-300 WORDS)

THIS COURSE COVERS THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL ASPECTS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. IN THIS SECTION, TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOU AS A PERSON, WHAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN, WHAT YOU LOVE DOING AND ANYTHING YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT. THINK ABOUT THIS PART AS AN INTRODUCTION TO YOURSELF. WHAT IMPRESSION DO YOU WANT TO GIVE? THINK ABOUT IT AS VERBALISING WHAT WE MIGHT REMEMBER ABOUT YOU AFTER HAVING MET YOU. YOU COULD ALSO INCLUDE SOME CONCRETE FACTS ABOUT AN ACHIEVEMENT YOU ARE PROUD OF BUT BE YOURSELF AND DO NOT REGARD THIS AS A LIST OF QUALIFICATIONS. YOU MIGHT TOUCH ON WHY LEADERSHIP IN A CATHOLIC SETTING ATTRACTS YOU AND WHAT YOU FEEL YOU COULD OFFER.

TELL US WHY YOU ARE APPLYING (150-250 WORDS)

THIS PART OF THE FORM IS TO ENABLE YOU TO COMMUNICATE TO US WHY THIS PARTICULAR COURSE WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR YOU, THE DIOCESE AND FOR THE COMMUNITY. HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

WHAT HAS LED YOU THIS APPLICATION? WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR IN LEADERSHIP? HAVE YOU ENCOUNTERED AN INSPIRATIONAL LEADER? WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS FOR THE WORLD? WHAT ABOUT THIS COURSE DO YOU THINK WILL ENABLE YOU TO DEVELOP YOUR GIFTS AND/OR TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH-JOURNEY IN ORDER TO SERVE GOD AND OTHERS? WHAT IS IT ABOUT LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH THAT YOU ARE PARTICULARLY DRAWN TO? WHY IS GOOD CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP VITAL? WHAT DO ISAIAH'S WORDS "ARISE, SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD RISES UPON YOU." (ISAIAH 60:1) MEAN TO YOU IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS COURSE?

TOPICS

THIS SECTION WILL HELP US TO MATCH YOU WITH A SUITABLE MENTOR. YOU MAY JUST CHOOSE TOPICS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN, OR CHOOSE THOSE THAT ARE LINKED FOR A FUTURE CAREER.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION (400 WORDS FOR THE WHOLE SECTION)

THESE ARE QUESTIONS ARE DESIGNED TO ENABLE YOU SPEAK ABOUT WHY YOUR FAITH IS IMPORTANT TO YOU. WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOU AND WHAT MAKES YOU PROUD TO BE CATHOLIC. WE ASK THAT YOU ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS, BUT YOU CAN DECIDE TO EITHER USE A GREATER PROPORTION OF YOUR WORD COUNT ON ONE OF THE QUESTIONS OR DIVIDE THE ANSWERS OUT.

YOUR SPONSOR'S SECTION

PLEASE SEND THE FORM TO YOUR SPONSOR TO COMPLETE.



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