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To The Manager: (Bank)

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With the sum of € for the credit of

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Name of Account: **Pastoral Service Account**

Authorised Signature:

Payment Reference: **Ministry Collection**

Your gift could go further?

We can claim a refund of tax for contributions totalling €250 per annum. This can increase the value of your contribution by up to 45%. If you would like to learn more please tick here and we will send you the tax form [].

Please return this form to Patricia Clifford at the Office for Financial Development, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 3.

Archdiocese of Dublin



LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

14th & 15th May 2022

Very grateful for your support

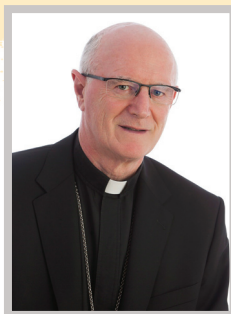
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**Including and
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Archbishop's invitation to contribute to Lay Ministry Collecton

In celebrating World Vocations Day last Sunday, we reminded ourselves to pray continuously for vocations to the priesthood, an urgent need in the Archdiocese today. An urgent need, too, is to find new ways for priests and people to work together in parishes. The time has come to commit ourselves to creative approaches that harness the time and talent lay people can make available and support them in developing their skills for use in the faith community.



The Lay Ministry Collection this weekend will therefore support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future:

- Working in parishes as part of a parish team
- Supporting and resourcing faith development
- Enabling people in parishes to work alongside each other to effect renewal
- Helping people to find their place by actively participating together in the life of their parish
- Building teams to accompany the moments that matter, especially in sacramental preparation for baptism, communion and confirmation, as well as supporting families at funeral time.
- Building communities that are faith-filled, co-responsible, active in social justice, welcoming and inclusive

These lay ministry roles are crucial for the road ahead. There is no other way. Indeed, there is more: our faith tells us that this is the way God is calling the Church to follow Christ today. Among the many dimensions of the way the Church is being transformed are not only the change in Western society and culture but also in the attention being paid to where God is leading people of faith. The Spirit of God is always at work among us: just as the Spirit was present in Jesus on the Cross, so the Spirit is among the People of God in these difficult times. Together with priests, lay ministers are enabling a new way of being the Church that is building hope and a new future for the people of the Archdiocese.

I ask you to be generous in your giving to the Lay Ministry Collection this Sunday, aware that the pastoral needs of the diocese have changed and grown, as has the need for all kinds of lay ministries.

Working together, let us strive to 'put fresh heart' (Acts 14:21) into our faith communities, like Paul and Barnabas, encouraged by the hope we have in the Risen Lord and in the Spirit he sends to challenge and renew us.


+ Dermot Farrell,
Archbishop of Dublin

Parish Ministry has so many ways of expressing itself. A sample of the outreaches I am involved in range from: weekly meetings preparing and teaching adults who are desiring to receive Baptism in a programme called RCIA; to developing ways of connecting with teenagers and growing the leadership and capacity of the parish to reach out to teens; to encouraging and equipping young families to have conversations of faith and prayer at home.

**Siobhan Tighe, Parish Pastoral Worker
St Peter & Paul Balbriggan**

My role as a Parish Pastoral Worker in the diocese is my discerned response to our baptismal call to take an active part in the mission and ministry of the Church. As well as being a witnessing presence and sharing faith in conversation, there are more formal encounters of training and formation with groups and individuals. These help to promote, support and grow the relationship we have as a parish family together so we're able to reach out to our schools and the wider community. It is a role I truly value.

**Peter Siney, Parish Pastoral Worker,
Mulhuddart Parish**

As Faith Development Worker, my work is focused on two aspects. The first is supporting parishioners in their continued journey of faith. Many people's formal faith formation finished at Confirmation, and an adult faith, with all its struggles, doubts and joys, needs to be supported and developed in a way fitting to the circumstances it finds itself in. This then allows parishioners to take ownership of their faith and parish. The second aspect is to enable, equip and support families to take on the task of teaching and passing on the faith in the home. This is needed now more than ever as the landscape of our country rapidly changes.

**Natalie Doherty, Faith Development Worker,
Kilnamanagh – Castlevue Parish**