

Lector/Reader/Commentator Ministry Role Descriptor

St. Philip Church & St. Clare Mission
Richmond and Dwyer Hill, Ontario

Name of ministry and role(s)	Lector/Reader/Commentator
Groups served by this ministry	The parish
Length of term	3 years (renewable)
Purpose of the role(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the Word of God is read at liturgical services using the proper reverence and interpretation.
Activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the reader schedule provided. • Find a replacement when unable to read. • Use the lectors' workbook as a tool to prepare for reading. • Arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass and announce your arrival to clergy. • Ensure proper pronunciation of words is used. • The pastor appoints or delegates someone to create a schedule.
Constraints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readers are not to add words to or delete words from the original text. • Pastor must approve any announcements made from the pulpit.
Descriptor scope (<i>check one</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common <input type="checkbox"/> St Philip <input type="checkbox"/> St Clare
Skills, experience and qualifications desired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the guidelines set down by clergy or delegate at training sessions. • Able to read clearly before a large audience.
Personal traits desired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress in an appropriate and respectful manner. • Have a desire to proclaim God's Word through the readings. • Be willing to take direction.
Orientation and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend annual training session. • Learn to use the microphone when reading. • Where available, receive a copy of <i>Workbook for Lectors and Proclaimers of the Word</i>. • Receive a copy of this ministry role descriptor. • Responsible Ministry training and handout.
Support, supervision and evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support is given by the parish clergy and Ministry Coordinator/Leader. • Workbook provided.
Working conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing is involved, sometimes for lengthy periods. • May be scheduled to read outside on occasion.
Benefits to role participants	Proclaiming God's Word through readings.

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Level of sensitivity <i>(check one)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
Screening measures (Per the parish 'Responsible Ministry Program' document.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Completion of a volunteer information form is required.2. Training and orientation are required.3. There will be supervision and opportunity to give and receive feedback.