

**Pro-Life Committee
Ministry Role Descriptor**

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

Name of ministry and role(s)	Pro-Life Committee
Groups served by this ministry	The parish and the vulnerable
Length of term	3 years (renewable)
Purpose of the role(s)	To make parishioners aware of Pro-Life activities and issues, and to coordinate parish participation, and to support Pro-Life causes
Activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicize Pro-Life activities in the archdiocese to the parish by putting information in the church bulletin and posting notices in the foyer of the church • Recruit volunteers needed to distribute containers and collect money for Pennies for Life • Encourage participation and collect pledges for Hike for Life • Distribute brochures and display material on all Pro-Life issues on Pro-Life Sunday • Encourage participation in the annual National March for Life • Encourage participation and collect pledges for candlelight vigil held the evening prior to the National March for Life. • Encourage participation in the Forty Days for Life, which includes standing in peaceful prayer and witness outside local abortion facilities for one hour • Encourage participation in the Life Chain, which includes prayerful solidarity for one hour at a nearby location • Assist Campaign Life Coalition with one of their major fundraisers by selling Christmas cakes • encourage participation at other Pro-Life activities that may occur in the Ottawa area • Attend archdiocesan Pro-Life meetings as required • Liaise with Pro-Life organizations supported by the parish • Liaise with the Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus in Pro-Life activities
Constraints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a respectful approach to Pro-Life issues
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"> • A strong belief in the Pro-Life stance of the Catholic church is required • Good organizational and communication skills are an asset

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Personal traits desired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out-going and generous attitude • Willingness to help • Resilience • Commitment to the cause
Orientation and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No formal training is necessary • Familiarity with Pro-Life literature, and activities in the Ottawa area • Receiving a copy of this ministry role descriptor • Responsible Ministry training and handout
Support, supervision and evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported, supervised and evaluated through the clergy and parish pastoral council
Working conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing, walking, sitting—indoor and out • Driving to various locations (may need to travel outside the parish boundaries) • May encounter hostile reactions from those with opposing views
Benefits to role participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in knowledge of Pro-Life issues • Satisfaction of doing volunteer work for the parish and the protection of life
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.