

Are you or do you know someone who might be interested in discerning a call to the ministry of Assistant Master of Ceremonies?

In 2016 Bishop Bill Wright asked me in my capacity as Master of Ceremonies, to introduce the ministry of Assistant Masters of Ceremonies to the diocese. Since then, several people have participated in an initial formation journey to discern their call to this ministry. A College of Assistant Masters of Ceremonies has been established comprising the Master of Ceremonies, four Assistant Masters of Ceremonies, and the Manager of Worship and Prayer.

With the growth of this ministry, we are looking to increase the number of Assistant Masters of Ceremonies. If you would like to explore this ministry through a process of initial formation and discernment, please complete the accompanying Expression of Interest.

To assist you in considering this invitation please find attached:

- The Role Description for the ministry of Assistant Master of Ceremonies
- A reflection on the ministry titled *The Liturgical 'Master of the House' and his Assistants*.
- The Assistant Masters of Ceremonies Formation Handbook which outlines the initial formation and discernment journey.

If you are interested, **please complete the accompanying Expression of Interest and return it by Friday 18 March 2022 to Sharon Murphy, by email (sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au) or post (PO Box 780, Newcastle West NSW 2302).**

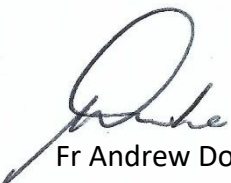
Once your Expression of Interest is received, I will make contact with each person to arrange a personal conversation about this ministry. These conversations need to be concluded by Friday 8 April at the latest.

I will then meet with the Manager of Worship and Prayer to discern those to be invited into the formation process. Everyone who expresses interest will receive a formal response by Friday 22 April at the latest. The formation group will meet in late July or early August once I return from leave.

If you have further enquiries, please contact me by email (andrew.doohan@mn.catholic.org.au) or phone 4979 1106. After 17 April all enquiries will need to go to Sr Louise, the Manager of Worship and Prayer, by email (louise.gannon@mn.catholic.org.au) or phone 4979 1135.

We look forward to receiving many Expressions of Interest.

Regards.



Fr Andrew Doohan
Master of Ceremonies