

## **Basilica Team Positions**

**The Basilica Team is responsible for leading all liturgies and para-liturgies on the Island. In addition, they are to be available in a pastoral role to pilgrims, ensuring a warm welcome and providing any help required to carry out their pilgrimage exercises; therefore they need to be familiar with all aspects of the pilgrimage. It is imperative that the team works closely with the Prior, the assisting priests and the Liturgy Co-ordinator to ensure a high standard of liturgy at all times, for which Lough Derg is renowned.**

**Employment will be for a period of 38/39 days, working on a two-week shift basis of 4 days followed by 3 days. This will necessitate overnight stays on the island.**

***Remuneration for all the posts of Cantor, Organist and Sacristan in accordance with the National Minimum Wage Act 2000.***

### **CANTOR**

The primary role of the Cantor is to lead the congregation in singing during all liturgies and para-liturgies, making the assembly's prayer possible through song. The characteristics of a successful cantor must include a strong singing voice, competence in animating congregational singing and dedication to the Ministry of Music. General communication skills as well as an ability to work as part of a team are imperative for this position. Interaction with pilgrims in a professional and courteous manner consistent with the Mission of Lough Derg will be required. The Cantor must be open to learning new pieces of music as requested by the priest on duty or the Liturgy Co-ordinator and must spend the necessary time in practice with the organist each day, whilst also being available to welcome and assist pilgrims.

## **ORGANIST**

The primary role of the Organist is to accompany the cantor and congregation in singing during all liturgies and para-liturgies, making the assembly's prayer possible through song. The Organist must be competent in playing church music, have an extensive repertoire of popular hymns and be dedicated to the Ministry of Music. They must be prepared to learn new pieces at the request of the priest on duty or the Liturgy Co-ordinator and to spend adequate time practising each day. Experience in working with a choir or cantor is a necessary pre-requisite. General communication skills as well as the ability to work as part of a team are imperative for this position. Interaction with the public in a professional and courteous manner, consistent with the Mission of Lough Derg, will be required.

## **SACRISTAN**

The primary role of the Sacristan is to ensure the smooth running of the Basilica sacristy and each of the liturgies and para-liturgies. This includes organising the stock in the sacristy as well as serving each of the Masses (6.30am and 6.30pm) and other liturgies each day. They must make all necessary preparations for each liturgy/para-liturgy in either St. Patrick's Basilica, St. Mary's Chapel or St. Brigid's Chapel as requested by the Prior, the priest on duty or the Liturgy Co-ordinator.

General communication and organisational skills as well as the ability to work as part of a team are imperative for this position. Interaction with the public in a professional and courteous manner, consistent with the Mission of Lough Derg, will be required.