

Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia



GLOSSARY

Term

Definition

Active Ministry

Those Clergy and Religious (both men and women) who are currently working with the general public in any capacity whatever, whether paid or voluntary.

Administer the sacraments

To deliver the sacraments which are the seven ceremonies instituted by Christ and used in the Church to bring people into contact with God in different ways i.e. Baptism; Confirmation or Penance for example.

Apostolate

The ministry or work of an apostle. A term covering all kinds/areas of work and endeavour for the service of God; the Church and the good of people. Aims to spread the Gospel and promote the work and mission of the Church.

Apostolic

Referring to the 12 apostles chosen by Jesus.

Apostolic work

See Apostolate.

Blemished (Disclosure)

A Disclosure Certificate which lists criminal conviction information for the applicant.

Canon law

The juridical system of the Catholic Church.

Catechesis

Fundamental form of religious education.

Catechist

One who engages in religious instruction.

CDF

Confidential Declaration Form – a form completed & signed by the CRB Disclosure applicant and passed under separate & confidential cover to the person responsible for the recruitment process/decision. The CDF provides the opportunity for the individual to voluntarily disclose criminal conviction information.

Children's liturgy

The teaching of ritual prayer of the Church in a separate service specifically for children.

Clergy

Those chosen by God to serve Him and His people, set aside by ordination and with various duties and responsibilities.

Cleric

See Clergy.

Clerical attire

The official robes and dress for members of Clergy.

Communion (Holy)

The act of receiving and consuming the Body and Blood of Christ under the form of the consecrated host and the consecrated wine, usually at mass.