



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON

PASTORAL PLAN GLOSSARY

The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission (2024)

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The following glossary aims to explain some of the words and phrases used in Bishop Richard Moth's third Pastoral Plan for the Diocese: ['The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission'](#).

Term	Definition
Acolyte	Although often used to refer to an altar server, in the context of the Pastoral Plan 'acolyte' refers to the stable ministry that was reserved to those preparing for ordination until 2021 when Pope Francis extended it to all the lay faithful. Acolytes can be male or female; they assist the priest at Mass by carrying the missal, cross or candles; they are also entrusted to distribute Holy Communion during Mass and to take Holy Communion to the sick outside of the celebration. See the 2022 edition of the Pastoral Plan for more information.
Advisers (Formation Team)	See 'Formation Team' below.
Ascent programme	The Ascent is a three-year discipleship formation programme for Catholics in school years 10-12 who want to embrace and enrich their faith and learn how to share it with others. See www.theascentuk.co.uk for further details.
Catechism of the Catholic Church	The Catechism of the Catholic Church is the Church's teaching document. See the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) website for further details.
Catechist	In the context of the 2024 Pastoral Plan, 'catechist' refers to a new stable ministry introduced by Pope Francis. The catechist is called to be expert in the pastoral service of transmitting the faith from the initial proclamation, through to the preparation for the sacraments and ongoing formation. See the 2022 edition of the Pastoral Plan (5.7) for more information.
Catholic Education Trusts	The decision to create Catholic Education Trusts (CETs) was taken by Bishop Richard Moth and the diocesan Board of Trustees in 2015. Xavier CET (Surrey) was established in 2016, with Bosco (Sussex) established in 2017. By 2030 all diocesan schools will have joined a trust or be on the journey towards academy status. For more information, visit the Education Service pages on the diocesan website.

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Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)	The CCRS is a nationally-accredited course which offers a solid understanding of Catholic theology and faith. It is ideal for teachers, school governors, catechists and those involved in liturgy and is awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW).
Council of Priests	The Council of Priests is a group of priests that "assists the bishop in the governance of the diocese" - established in Canon Law (495§1).
Dean	The dean is a priest entrusted with oversight of a deanery. The priest entrusted with the care of the Cathedral is often known as the Cathedral Dean
Deanery	Deaneries are subdivisions of a diocese and comprise of groups of parishes. Before the 2024 Pastoral Plan the Diocese consisted of 11 deaneries; these same deaneries will soon become 11 moderated parishes.
Decree of Reconstitution	The legal document that will formally create the new moderated parishes, under Canon Law.
Diocesan Plan Reference Group	The group of diocesan clergy, trustees and staff assisting with the implementation of the Pastoral Plan. See point 5.17.
Doctrine	The beliefs and teachings of the Church.
Earthenware Vessels	References 2 Corinthians 4:7: 'We are only the earthenware jars that hold this treasure, to make it clear that such an overwhelming power comes from God and not from us.'
Episcopal Vicar	A priest appointed to act on the bishop's behalf in a certain part of the diocese or in particular matters.
Evangelisation	The work of bringing the Good News of the Gospel to others.
Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion	Lay people commissioned for a fixed term to assist the clergy in administering Holy Communion.
Faith in Action Award	An award offered by CYMFED (the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation) that recognises, rewards and celebrate young people's active faith lived out through service and reflection. See the Faith in Action Award website for further information.
Faithful (noun)	All those who are baptised.
Formation	The process of growing as disciples of the Lord, through prayer and study.
Formation Team	The Diocesan team of advisors with expertise in formation & spirituality, liturgy & music, inclusion, marriage & family life, social action and youth services. See the Formation Team page on the diocesan website for more information.
Holy Hour	An hour of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
Invited	The Diocese's digital mission (2021-25) offering online videos and materials for small groups. Visit: www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited .
Lay Faithful (noun)	People who are baptised but not ordained.
Lectio Divina	A way of exploring and contemplating scripture, supported by prayer
Lector	Often used to refer to someone who reads at Mass. In the context of the Pastoral Plan, 'lector' refers to the stable ministry that was reserved

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	to those preparing for ordination until 2021 when Pope Francis extended it to all the lay faithful. Lectors can be male or female; they are appointed to read the Word of God in the liturgical assembly and to prepare others to read the Scriptures during the Liturgy. See the 2022 edition of the Pastoral Plan for more information.
Liturgy	From the Greek 'leitourgia', meaning 'public work'. The liturgy of the church includes all formal public acts of worship in church, the celebration of the Mass and the sacraments and the daily prayer.
Liturgy of the Hours	Also known as the Divine Office or Prayer of the Church: Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer, and the smaller Offices in between. Clergy are required to pray the Liturgy of the Hours daily and lay people are encouraged to pray any part of it that is appropriate in the circumstances of their lives.
Magisterium	The teaching authority of the Pope and the bishops.
Ministry	Service to God and others, in particular roles, within the Church.
Ministry of Consolation	The bereavement support ministry in our diocese. See the Bereavement Support page of the diocesan website for more information.
Mission	The Mission of the Church is "to proclaim and to spread among all peoples the Kingdom of Christ and of God and to be, on earth, the initial budding forth of that kingdom." Lumen Gentium , para 5.
Missionary disciple	A person who takes the Good News to others.
Moderated Parish	The family of churches that previously formed Arundel & Brighton's eleven deaneries are becoming eleven moderated parishes 2024-25.
Moderator	The role of Dean is being replaced with a priest who serves as Moderator.
OGF Team	Ongoing Formation for Clergy Team. See point 3.2.vi of the Pastoral Plan.
Ratio Fundamentalis	<i>Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis (2016)</i> are guidelines on the proper formation of seminarians, which are to be followed by seminaries throughout the world.
Religious (noun)	Members of religious orders and congregations including sisters and nuns, monks, friars, brothers, and religious priests.
Sacrament of Penance	Also known as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession.
Sacraments of Initiation	These are: Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.
Spiritual Accompaniment	An opportunity to explore and reflect on our relationship with God, accompanied by a trained and trusted Spiritual Director. See the diocesan website for more information.
Trustee	Like all Catholic dioceses in England and Wales, the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton is a registered charity, with a Board of Trustees responsible for its governance. Details of the Trustees can be found on the diocesan website.