

LECTOR (LE)

Proclamation of the Word: Diocesan Pastoral Guidelines for the Ministry of Lector

By: The Liturgical Commission of the Archdiocese of Kingston

This booklet covers the Ministry of the Lector; their formation (including workshop outlines, documentation etc.); procedures at Eucharist; and appendices for enrichment and development of a spirituality based on Scripture. **12LE.ARCH**

I Like Being in Parish Ministry: Lector

By: Alice Camille

The ministry of lectoring is so much more than simply reading from the lectionary on Sunday. Alice Camille shapes the history and practice of lectoring with examples and tips for effective reading, while highlighting the spiritual needs of this ministry. **12LE.CAMI**

Messengers of God's Word: A Handbook for Lectors

By: Joseph M. Champlin

PUBLISHER: Paulist Press

This book has been written to encourage lay readers in the ministry of the word. It helps them see their role in the larger liturgical life of the church. It offers many practical "do's and don'ts" for public readers. Finally it provides a spiritual basis for those who serve as lay lectors. People who are just beginning their ministry and those who have been serving in that role for a long time will equally find this a helpful and positive book. **12LE.CHAM**

Ministry to Word and Sacraments: History & and Theology

By: Bernard Cooke

This book is an attempt to fill part of the gap of synthetic historical and theological nature of ministry. **12LE.COOK**

Lector Becomes Proclaimer

By: Jerry and Gail Ducharme

PUBLISHER: Resource Pub. Inc.

Explore the ministry and spirituality of proclamation; master an effective method for preparing the Sunday readings; learn practical tips and techniques that will help a lector become a faith-filled proclaimer.

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Reader's Guide to Proclamation – Cycle A

By: Jerome J. DuCharme

PUBLISHER: Franciscan Herald Press

This book provides readers with some needed theological and spiritual formation. This book is written for laymen to help them discover how the first two readings are connected with the gospel and how the Liturgy of the Word is part of the Eucharistic celebration. Comments in this book centre around Jesus. It is the prayerful hope of the author that it will lead readers to a personal encounter with our risen Lord.

12LE.DUCH

The Joy of Being a Lector

By: Mitch Finley

PUBLISHER: Resurrection Press.

This is a quick and practical introduction to the ministry of lector. There are many elements about Finley's book which make it recommended reading for all who fulfill this ministry: it is short; it is eminently readable; it is rich in theology, history and liturgy; it is practical, full of useful suggestions on how to be a better lector. **12LE.FINL**

Speech and Oral Reading Techniques for Mass Lectors and Commentators

By: Benedict E. Hardman

PUBLISHER: The Liturgical Press

This book deals with the following topics: Role; Fear and Stage fright; Relaxation; Breath Control; Concentration and Comprehension; Projection and Intonation; Rate or Tempo; Phrasing, pause; Oral Reading Techniques; Eye Contact; Rehearsal; Pronunciation; Use of Public Address Microphone.

12LE.HARD

Proclaiming the Word

By: G. B. Harrison

PUBLISHER: Pueblo Publishing

This book can contribute in a significant way to raising the level of performance of the lector in our Liturgy. It offers positive help and suggestions on ways in which the lector can be a more effective communicator. This is done in the context of a profound understanding of the richness of the role of the lector. **12LE.HARR**

A Well-Trained Tongue (Workbook for lectors)

By: Ray Lonergan

PUBLISHER: Liturgy Training Pub.

This book begins in Section I, by expanding on the role of the lector in the ritual context of the proclamation. Section II deals with basic communication techniques, Section III describes the steps in preparing a reading and Section IV suggests ways of bringing the words on the page to life. The final section handles some related considerations: the lectionary, choreography, proper clothing and behaviour.

12LE.LONE

Guide for Lectors

Virginia Meagher and Paul Turner

Liturgy Training Publications, 2006

This book is effective for training new ministers and rejuvenating the work of veterans and can be used by individuals or groups. It gives lectors the tools they need to prepare well and to proclaim with understanding. It offers sound advice for the practical challenges of parish liturgies, and it nurtures spiritual growth in the minister. **12LE.MEAG**

Reading at Mass: Guidelines for the Lector

By: Frank J Mulligan

PUBLISHER: The Liturgical Press

Reading at Mass outlines the message of each of the Sunday readings of the three Lectionary cycles and provides hints as to how the lector should proclaim the readings at Mass. Its purpose is to help the lector and the hearers understand the Word of God in the liturgy. **12LE.MULL**

Guide for Lectors

By: Aelred Rosser

PUBLISHER: Lit. Training Publ.

Aelred Rosser is well-known for his teaching and writing about the proclamation of the word of God in Christian assemblies. He has taken his knowledge and experience as a lector and a trainer of lectors and brought them to this new work. It is a fitting resource for those coming to the ministry for the first time or for those who are renewing their participation in this work of the church in the Sunday assembly.

12LE.ROSS

A Word That Will Rouse Them: Reflections on the ministry of Reader

By: Aelred R. Rosser

PUBLISHER: Lit. Training Pub.

This little book is not a training manual. It does not give readers instructions about volume, pitch, pauses and eye contact. The reflections offered here are about formation and transformation. They are about the interior growth and spiritual insight that ministers of the word want to develop. They are about the transformation of the reader from public communicator to genuine minister. Almost anyone can be trained to read the words of the Bible aloud in church. But to proclaim the word of God in the midst of the

assembly, one must be formed -- and transformed. **12LE.ROSS**

Manual for Lectors

Judith Tate

PUBLISHER: Pflaum Publishing

This book is divided in to 4 chapters: 1. The Role of the Lector - as minister; Lector in history, In Meditation, Before the People and Lector Speaking; 2. Understanding Scripture - First Readings; Literary Forms; Second Readings; 3. Work Sheets for Lectors - Introduction, Paraphrasing, Pausing, Emphasizing, Dramatising, Introducing, Putting It All Together; 4. Commissioning Lectors - A Suggested Rite

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The Ministry of the Lector

Caroline M. Thomas

This book gives suggestions on how to prepare and describes actual techniques on how to bring the word of God to life for our assembly at Mass. **12LE.THOM**

Ministry of Lectors

By: James Wallace

Since lectors proclaim, not just any word, but the Word of God, it is essential that they develop the skills required to communicate God's message competently. This booklet first considers the Church's advice to lectors, the nature of the Word of God, the form it takes, and the principles of oral interpretation. It then comments on the lector's preparation and the characteristics of good public reading, treating such topics as nervousness, voice quality, volume, diction, range of voice, pace, pausing, rhythm, intonation and eye contact. **12LE.WALL**

Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers

PUBLISHER: Liturgy Training Pub.

(Cycle A) (Graziano Marcheschi) Available each year from LTP or CCCB

(Cycle B) (Aelred Rosser)

(Cycle C) (Mick)

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