

Oxford Cursillo Staffing Questionnaire #20

The table below sets out brief details of the roles we are seeking to fill. Please read through each role description and provide brief details of how you think you could fill one (or more) of the roles. It will be necessary for most residential staff to give a talk. Please do not be daunted by this – guidance and help will be given at the training days.

The form below sets out the roles and the talks which we are seeking to fill. If you would like to be a residential member of staff and give a talk please indicate both which staffing position(s) you feel called to **and** which talks you feel called to give.

We would encourage you to approach this prayerfully. **God equips the called rather than calling the equipped!** If you feel called to staff but are not sure where you might fit in, please fill in the box at the bottom of the form.

Full training will be given over the course of two training days and all staff are required to attend the training days regardless of whether you have staffed previously.

Please do not feel obliged to give long answers unless you wish to. Answers such as 'I have previously given this talk' or 'I have vast experience of Christian Action' or 'I wish to support the weekend through prayer by taking part in the prayer vigil' will help us enormously when filling the roles.

If you wish to staff, please complete this form and return it to weekend@oxfordcursillo.org.uk preferably via email, by Sunday 15th September 2024.

Thank you for prayerfully considering if you might be called to staff.

Name

eMail Address..... Telephone

In what year did you make your Cursillo:

In which diocese did you make your Cursillo:

Can you attend Oxford #20 (23rd -25th May 2025): YES / NO

Can you attend both Training Days (1st February and 6th April) YES/NO
*(n.b. It is a requirement of staffing a Weekend that you are able to commit to **both** Training Days)*

Have you staffed at a Cursillo before? If so, please confirm:

In what year(s):

What role(s) did you hold:

What rollo(s)/talk(s) did you give:

In which diocese/s:

Are you part of a Fourth Day Reunion Group and do you regularly attend Ultreyas?.....

Role	Information regarding role	Please select no more than three staff roles which you feel called to fill AND no more than three talks which you feel called to give
Table Leader	<p>Table Leaders are on team to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate discussion (not take over). • Listen to what is being said and encourage interaction. Listen to what is NOT being said and address issues that arise. Referring to SA appropriately. • Facilitate any activities that are within the timetable ensuring all the participants feel valued and involved. • Be sensitive to different personalities - giving everyone the opportunity to engage. <p>This role does require good hearing and a willingness to journey with pilgrims across the weekend.</p>	<p>In what ways might you feel called to be a Table Leader?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>It would be helpful if you could confirm if you have previously been a Table Leader on a previous Cursillo Weekend: YES / NO In what year?:</p>
Talk on Ideal	<p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are all aiming for something in life: we all have key values. • Our ideal motivates everything we do and how we do it. • We might never have thought about what our ideal may be, but here we have the opportunity and space to do so. • We form and change our ideal over time in response to experience. <p>This first talk sets the scene for those that will follow. It's unique in that it focuses on the deep core values of the individual within, whereas every talk that follows explores relationships outside of ourselves – with God and others. The best ideal talks really stimulate the hearers to self-examination, but do so in an engaging and personable way.</p>	<p>In what ways might you be called, if any, to give this talk?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
Talk on Laity	<p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Laity are the Church. • The 'Body of Christ' (the Church) is made up of 	<p>In what ways might you be called, if any, to give this talk?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>

	<p>many unique and important members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The clergy may represent the Church, but the Laity are the “church” most people meet. <p>The main thrust of this talk is to inspire the listeners to realise again that we are all not just passive but active members of the Body of Christ.</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Talk on Piety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piety is doing all we can to listen to God, and to draw close to him. Piety is not just “prayer,” and certainly not just “intercession.” Piety is the first of our three key elements: piety, study and action. <p>Piety is all about how we approach our relationship with God. Are you able to share how your relationship with God has been sustained and nourished?</p>	<p>In what ways might you be called, if any, to give this talk?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Talk on Study</p>	<p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God has given us all an in-built curiosity, and a desire to learn We learn through many ways – not just reading books Study is not just for our own benefit – it equips us for service If we are living a life in piety we will be open to hearing what God wants to say and seeing what he wants to show us. This is study. God has created us in his image, with heads as well as hearts. He wants to help us grow in faith as his children. Opting out of expecting to learn because we don’t think we’re clever enough is to deny God’s handiwork in us. <p>Can you share how study has shaped or nourished your faith in God?</p>	<p>In what ways might you be called, if any, to give this talk?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Talk on Action</p>	<p>Key points:</p>	<p>In what ways might you be called, if any, to give this talk?</p> <p>.....</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piety and Study are essentially selfish if they don't lead to Action. • Through Action we become the "hands and feet of Christ in the world." • Action in a Cursillo context is Apostolic Action <p>Probably even more than the other talks so far, this talk hangs on sharing our own experience of how we have heard the call of God to apostolic action in our own life. If we can point to incidences where we feel God has clearly been at work in sending us into a situation, then the subject becomes more real to our hearers. It must be made very clear that such stories are only examples, and not blueprints for others to follow. We must also be wary of presenting ourselves as such a model of apostolic action that others are left feeling hopelessly inadequate!</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Talk on Leaders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a Leader? Someone who influences others by their words or actions – regularly or even occasionally. • We are all therefore Leaders at various times and places in our lives. What we do and say may shape the lives of others • Not all leadership is 'upfront' or obvious. <p>This talk focuses on how leadership may have come about in a given situation, not how that played out or what was achieved.</p>	<p>In what ways might you be called, if any, to give this talk?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Talk on Study of Environments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We all live life surrounded to a greater or lesser extent by others. • If we consciously and prayerfully examine our everyday environment we can identify ways we can play our part in making our own world more Christ-centred. • As we learn, we can be leaders in bringing Christ's love to those situations. <p>This talk is about the very ordinariness of our everyday</p>	<p>In what ways might you be called, if any, to give this talk?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>

	<p>lives. Our “environments” is simply a catch-all word for every situation we encounter; and “evangelisation” is just representing Christ in those everyday situations. So it is not about stepping outside our usual self to launch into a Biblical tirade from a soap-box in the park – it’s about being open and honest about our faith amongst those we meet.</p>	
<p>Talk on Christian Communities in Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are seldom called to wholly independent action. • A Christian Community in Action is any group that works together towards a joint purpose under God’s guidance. • St Paul reminds us of our interdependence as members of the body: together we achieve much more than we can alone. <p>Formal examples of Christian Communities in Action are many and varied – the Mothers Union, the Bible Society, TearFund, CAFOD, Christian Aid, and many more. On a local level up and down the country are foodbanks, lunch clubs, children’s activities and the like which are promoted and undertaken by Christians as part of their mission to their local environment.</p>	<p>In what ways might you be called, if any, to give this talk?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Spiritual Advisor</p>	<p>The Spiritual Advisors give a number of talks and meditations throughout the weekend. They also preside at the eucharists and will need to be available for one-to-one conversations with pilgrims and staff throughout the weekend either as a listening ear or for spiritual direction. Being able to discern with others where God is at work in their lives will help with this role.</p>	<p>Are you ordained? In what ways might you feel called to fill this role?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Lay Rector’s Gofor</p>	<p>Act as the Lay Rector’s link with all the behind-the-scenes support roles listed below to ensure that the nuts and bolts of the weekend run seamlessly. To mentor the Gofor, who will be shadowing this role to some extent, to allow the skills</p>	<p>In what ways might you feel called to fill this role?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>

	<p>and knowledge required for this role to be passed on to the Gofor for future weekends. This role requires some previous Staff experience and preferably experience of having been a Lay Rector's Gofor on a recent Cursillo weekend.</p>	<p>Do you have previous experience of being a Lay Rector's Gofor? YES / NO In what year? In which diocese? Was it a 2 day or a 3 day weekend? </p>
<p>Music Gofor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To liaise with the Spiritual Directors, the Lay Director and Table Leaders to select hymns or worship songs for the weekend. • To lead '<i>singing to gather</i>' to get the table groups settled for sessions, including taking hymn/song requests from Pilgrims • To confidently accompany hymns or worship songs and provide incidental music as required on a keyboard instrument over the course of the weekend. 	<p>Are you a confident and experienced musician able to lead the music on a keyboard instrument?</p> <p>In what ways might you feel called to fill this role?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Gofor</p>	<p>Ensures that everything is where it should be, including restocking the tables (sweets, tissues etc), ensuring that the right hand-outs are available at the right time, and tidying up between sessions.</p> <p>An important part of this role is shadowing the Lay Rector's Gofor to enable you to assume the role of Lay Rector's Gofor on future weekends.</p>	<p>In what ways might you feel called to fill this role?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Chapel Gofor</p>	<p>Ensures that the chapel is ready for any worship or talks which will be taking place, including lighting the candles, laying out mics, laying out service booklets etc.</p>	<p>In what ways might you feel called to fill this role?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Palanca Gofor</p>	<p>Sorts all individual and general palanca (written prayer etc) delivered or received by mail, sorts it by days and by individuals, packs it in bags for delivery on the correct days, as well as any night-time items delivered to bedrooms.</p>	<p>In what ways might you feel called to fill this role?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>

	This does not necessarily need to be a residential role.	
4th DAY ROLES (non residential)		
Festival Dinner set-up (aka Party Angels)	<p>Coming in on the Saturday afternoon to help set up the festival dinner/party.</p> <p>Those who enjoy decorating or detail and making a room look appropriate for the occasion would enjoy this role.</p> <p>This role includes setting up tea lights and appropriate lighting in the Chapel for the Service of Light. It also included setting up the refectory for the Festival Dinner.</p> <p>This is a largely hidden but joyous role!</p>	<p>In what ways might you feel called to fill this role?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
Clausura car parking	<p>Arriving early on the Sunday afternoon to help visitors park their cars and get to the Chapel for Clausura</p>	<p>In what ways might you feel called to fill this role?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
Clausura tea	<p>Helping to set up, serve and clear away tea after Clausura on the Sunday afternoon</p> <p>(Cakes and refreshments are provided by the venue – they will simply need laying up and serving)</p>	<p>In what ways might you feel called to fill this role?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
Final clear-up	<p>Helping to pack everything up, complete inventories and stow everything in the correct crates</p>	<p>In what ways might you feel called to fill this role?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
PRAYER		
Prayer Vigil	<p>When details of the Prayer Vigil are announced, consider putting yourself down for one or more of the slots to pray for the weekend.</p>	<p>In what ways might you feel called to fill this role?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
Do you wish to serve on the weekend but aren't sure how?	Numerous roles	<p>Please provide a few brief details on how you might wish to serve?</p> <p>.....</p>

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