

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) LEADER (Written 3/2004)

TASKS TO BE PREFORMED

1. To prepare, present and evaluate CLOW sessions based on the materials provided by the Director of Children's Ministry.
2. To provide an atmosphere which supports a positive worship experience for children in grades one – four.
3. To provide supervision and direction to CLOW assistants.
4. To communicate concerns, questions and suggestions to the DCM.

ABILITIES/ATTRIBUTES NEEDED

1. Ability to work with large groups of children.
2. Ability to lead others in pray and reflection.
3. An understanding of children, their learning styles and faith development.
4. An understanding of and openness to post Vatican II theology.
5. An ability to model Christian values to others.
6. An active participation in the life of the church.
7. An ability to work with a minimum of supervision.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- To attend to annual training event for confirmation candidates who will be CLOW assistants.
- Arrange for substitute leader, as needed.

LENGTH OF COMMITMENT

One year, renewable by mutual agreement of CLOW leader and DCM.

SUPERVISION/SUPPORT

1. CLOW leaders are directly responsible to the DCM. The DCM is directly responsible to the pastor.
2. Due to scheduling restraints onsite supervision is not provided. However, the DCM is available to provide support, as needed.

TRAINING

1. Due to the small number of leaders, training is generally on an individual basis. Past of the training includes observation of other leaders.
2. Leaders are encouraged to attend in-services offered through Children's Ministry and/or the Liturgy/Music department.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All applicants must complete an initial interview with the DCM. As part of the interview, the applicant will complete a written application and will supply two references. The applicant will also consent to a state and federal background check.

Upon acceptance as a volunteer in Children's Ministry, the volunteer must participate in the Virtus Sexual Abuse Awareness program within three months.

Time Commitment

Initial Training – observation of at least three CLOW sessions and individual training meeting with DCM

CLOW leaders are scheduled for monthly rotations. The number of leaders will determine the number of rotations. (Currently about three months per year.) Sessions run during the 9:00am mass, beginning in September and concluding on Pentecost.