

Diocese of Limerick Vetting Service
Diocesan parish roles requiring vetting, agreed with
the National Vetting Bureau of An Garda Síochána
17th June 2022

NO	ROLE	RATIONALE	Relationship to the Vetting Bureau Children & Vulnerable Acts of 2012 and 2016
1.	Priest	Priests care for and minister to children and vulnerable adults in their parishes through preparing children for Sacraments, carrying out visits to schools, supervising altar servers and children taking part in Mass and other services (baptism, weddings and funerals). Priests regularly visit vulnerable Adults in their homes.	Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of any religious beliefs. Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 4. Any work or activity, which consists of care of supervision of children.
2.	Permanent Deacon	Deacons care for and minister to children and vulnerable adults in their parishes through preparing children for sacraments, carrying out visits to schools, supervising altar servers and children, taking part in Mass and other services (baptism, wedding and funerals). Priests regularly visit vulnerable adults in their homes.	Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of any religious beliefs. Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 4. Any work or activity, which consists of care of supervision of children.
3.	Parish Religious Sisters	Religious Sisters who care for and minister to children and vulnerable adults through preparing children for Sacraments, leading youth ministry, carrying out visits to schools and bringing Holy Communion to the sick in their homes.	Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of any religious beliefs. Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 4. Any work or activity, which consists of care of supervision of children.
4.	Parish Pastoral workers	Parish Pastoral workers are paid diocesan/parish employees who minister to children through preparing them for the Sacraments, carrying out school visits and running activities for children such as prayer meetings and Bible classes.	Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of any religious beliefs. Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 4. Any work or activity, which consists of care of supervision of children.

5.	Children's Catechist	Child Catechist's prepare children for the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation and other Church events such as Easter and Christmas. In some parishes, they conduct Sunday School.	<p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 5. Any work or activity which consists of the provision of educational, training, cultural recreational, leisure, social or physical activities.</p> <p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of any religious beliefs.</p>
6.	Safeguarding Representative and Children's Officer	The Parish Safeguarding Representative is responsible for ensuring all activities involving children operate within the diocesan safeguarding policies and procedures. This requires them to attend these activities throughout the year.	Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 4. Any work or activity which consists of care of supervision of children.
7.	Sacristans (including supervisory function)	Sacristans who as part of their role supervise altar servers before and after Mass.	<p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 4. Any work or activity which consists of care of supervision of children.</p> <p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of any religious beliefs.</p>
8.	Altar Server Leader	The Altar Server Leader is responsible for training altar servers for Sunday Mass and other Church services.	<p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 5. Any work or activity which consists of the provision of educational, training, cultural recreational, leisure, social or physical activities.</p> <p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of any religious beliefs.</p>
9.	Children & Youth Choir Leaders	Children & Youth Choir Leaders run choirs for under 18's. A major part of their roles is teaching children and young people.	<p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 5. Any work or activity which consists of the provision of educational, training, cultural recreational, leisure, social or physical activities.</p> <p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of any religious beliefs.</p>

10.	Children Liturgy and Prayer Group Leaders	Children Liturgy/Prayer Group Leaders run events for children both on parish property and off site. Such events would include prayer meetings, Bible classes and religious drama.	<p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 5. Any work or activity which consists of the provision of educational, training, cultural recreational, leisure, social or physical activities.</p> <p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of any religious beliefs.</p>
11.	Parish Youth Club Leaders	Parish youth club leaders run events for mainly older children in parish halls and Centre's.	<p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 5. Any work or activity which consists of the provision of educational, training, cultural recreational, leisure, social or physical activities.</p> <p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of any religious beliefs.</p>
12.	Sacramental Preparation Leaders	Sacramental Preparation Leaders prepare children for Communion and Confirmation.	<p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 5. Any work or activity which consists of the provision of educational, training, cultural recreational, leisure, social or physical activities.</p> <p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of any religious beliefs.</p>
13.	Visitation Team Members	Visitation Team members visit those in the parish who are sick or confined to their home due to disability.	Schedule 1, Part 2, Para 3. Any work or activity which consists of the care of vulnerable persons.
14.	Lay Preachers	Lay preachers deliver retreats in parishes usually lasting one to two weeks. As part of their retreats they deliver religious activities for children. They also visit sick or disabled parishioners in their homes.	<p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of any religious beliefs.</p> <p>Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 4. Any work or activity which consists of care of supervision of children.</p> <p>Schedule 1, Part 2, Para 3. Any work or activity which consists of the care of vulnerable persons.</p>

15.	Parish Pilgrimage Leaders	Parish Pilgrimage leaders organise pilgrimages to holy sites such as Lourdes and Knock. They look after the physical and personal needs of vulnerable adults and children.	Schedule 1, Part 2, Para 3. Any work or activity which consists of the care of vulnerable persons. Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 4. Any work or activity which consists of care of supervision of children.
16.	Parish Centre staff & volunteers	Parish centre staff and volunteers are responsible for supervising children Involved in youth ministry activities. The same principal applies to vulnerable adults.	Schedule 1, Part 1, Para 4. Any work or activity which consists of care of supervision of children. Schedule 1, Part 2, Para 3. Any work or activity which consists of the care of vulnerable persons.
17.	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to vulnerable people in their homes/nursing homes as they are unable to attend Mass.	Schedule 1, Part 2, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of religious beliefs.
18.	Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader	Diocesan Youth Ministry Leaders are volunteers who run activities, retreats and other programmes with young people under the age of 18, including residential events like Anois, Bru Na Graige and Pilgrimages. Their role involves supervision, sports, outdoor activities, prayer and retreats. These events happen on site at the Diocesan Centre and also off site at other venues.	Schedule 1, Part 2, Para 4. Any work or activity which consists of care of supervision of children. Schedule 1, Part 2, Para 5. Any work or activity which consists of the provision of educational, training, cultural recreational, leisure, social or physical activities. Schedule 1, Part 2, Para 7. Any work or activity as a minister or priest or any other person engaged in the advancement of any religious beliefs.
19.	Director of Safeguarding	As Director of Safeguarding and Diocesan DLP this role involves regular involvement with children in youth ministry and with vulnerable adults.	Schedule 1, Part 1, 15(e) Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005. Schedule 1, Part 2, 12(e) Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005.

This list has been agreed by the Diocese of Limerick and the National Vetting Bureau of An Garda Síochána 17th June 2022