

Some Definite Service

SUPPORTING OUR PARISHES



God has created me to do him
some definite service.

He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do his work.

*St John Henry Newman, Meditations on
Christian Doctrine, 1848*

How did you feel when you were first asked to
volunteer as a Catechist (or other) in your
parish?

Some Definite Service is

the diocesan-wide approach for parish growth in
Evangelisation, Catechesis, and Formation
supported through local people, plans, and prayer.

Who we are

Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis

Helping missionary parishes to form
missionary disciples.

What we do

Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis

- Support parishes in their journey from maintenance to mission through **Some Definite Service**.
- Facilitate the development of effective parish plans.
- Create a culture of consistent, grassroots support to parishes in the form of a volunteer missionary network.
- Produce resources and courses as well as, highlighting good practice in our parishes.

Three Areas

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Evangelisation: Methods and ways of proclaiming the Good News in and outside the parish

Catechesis: Education in the faith of children and young people towards the fullness of the Christian life

Formation: The lifelong process for adults in intellectual, moral and spiritual growth

People, Plans, Prayer

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People

Fan into flame the gift God has given you
2 Timothy 1:6

**Become a Deanery
Mentor or Parish Lead
in Evangelisation,
Catechesis or
Formation!**

The Archdiocese of Southwark missionary volunteer network of Deanery Mentors and Parish Leads is expanding.

Become involved in helping more people to meet and love the Lord Jesus in his Church.

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Parish Plan

It is the Lord's purpose that prevails
Proverbs 19:21

What are the dreams and desires for your parish?

What wonderful initiatives are already taking place?

What are tangible steps that can be taken toward your parish vision?

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Prayer

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People

Volunteer Missionary Network

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Each of the three areas, Evangelisation, Catechesis, and Adult Formation, will have the same basic structure with cooperation between areas at every stage.

Advisors

3 posts [4]

Deanery Mentors

20 Mentors per
area [24/60]

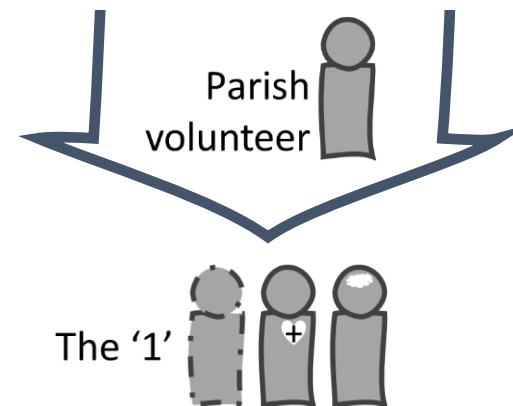
Parish Leads

175 Leads per
area (525)

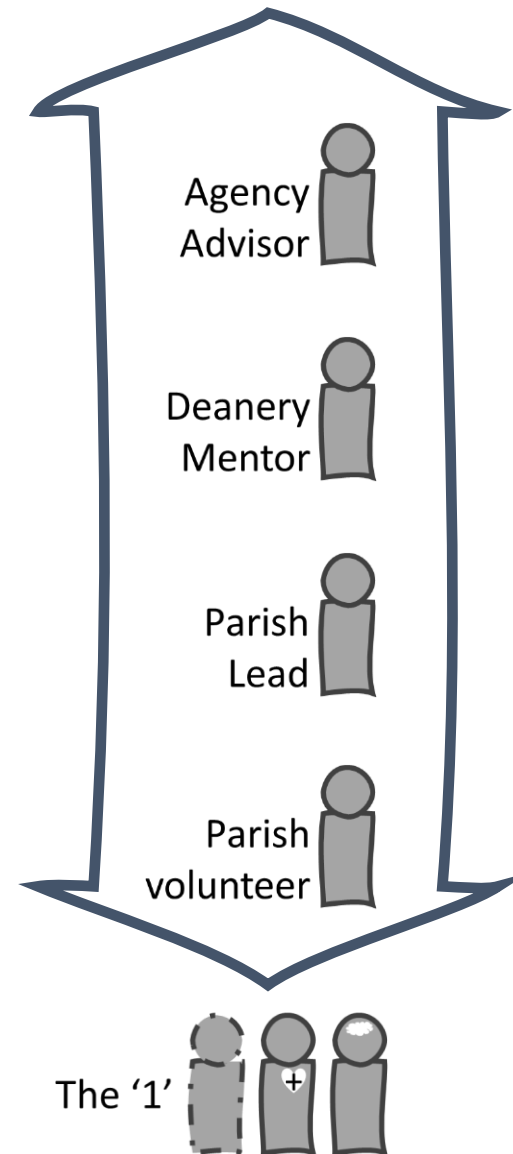
Parish-based
Volunteers

Hundreds of
people engaged in
support

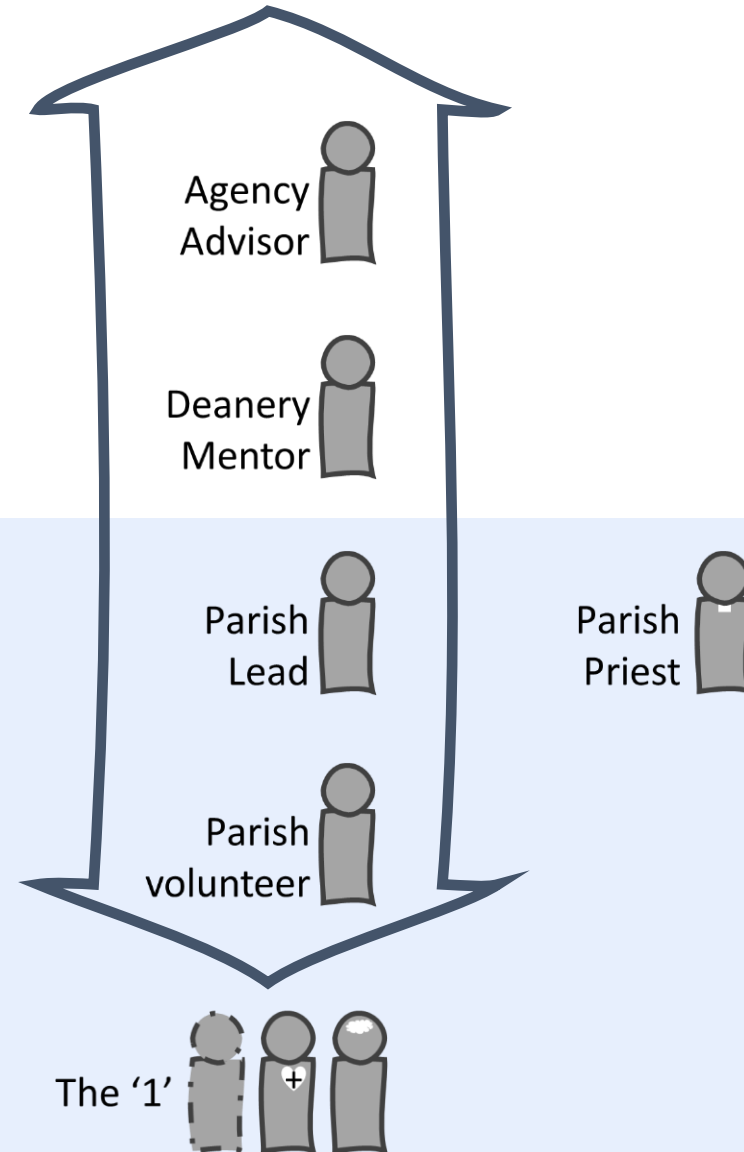
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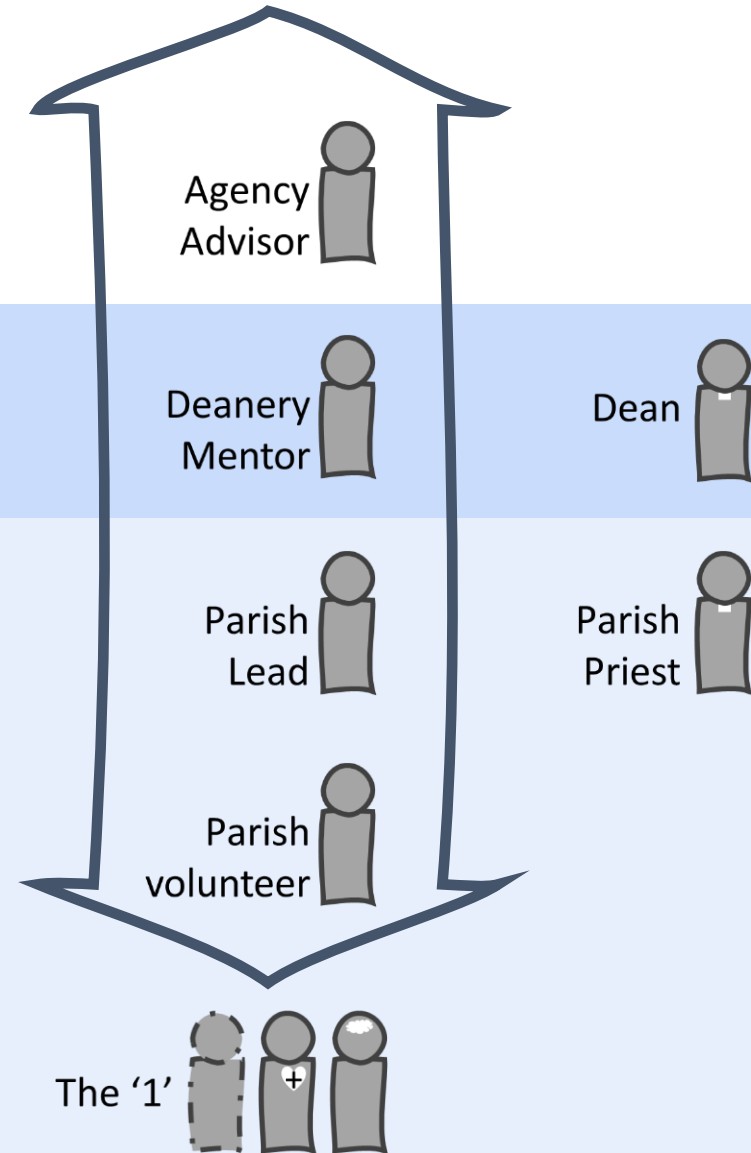
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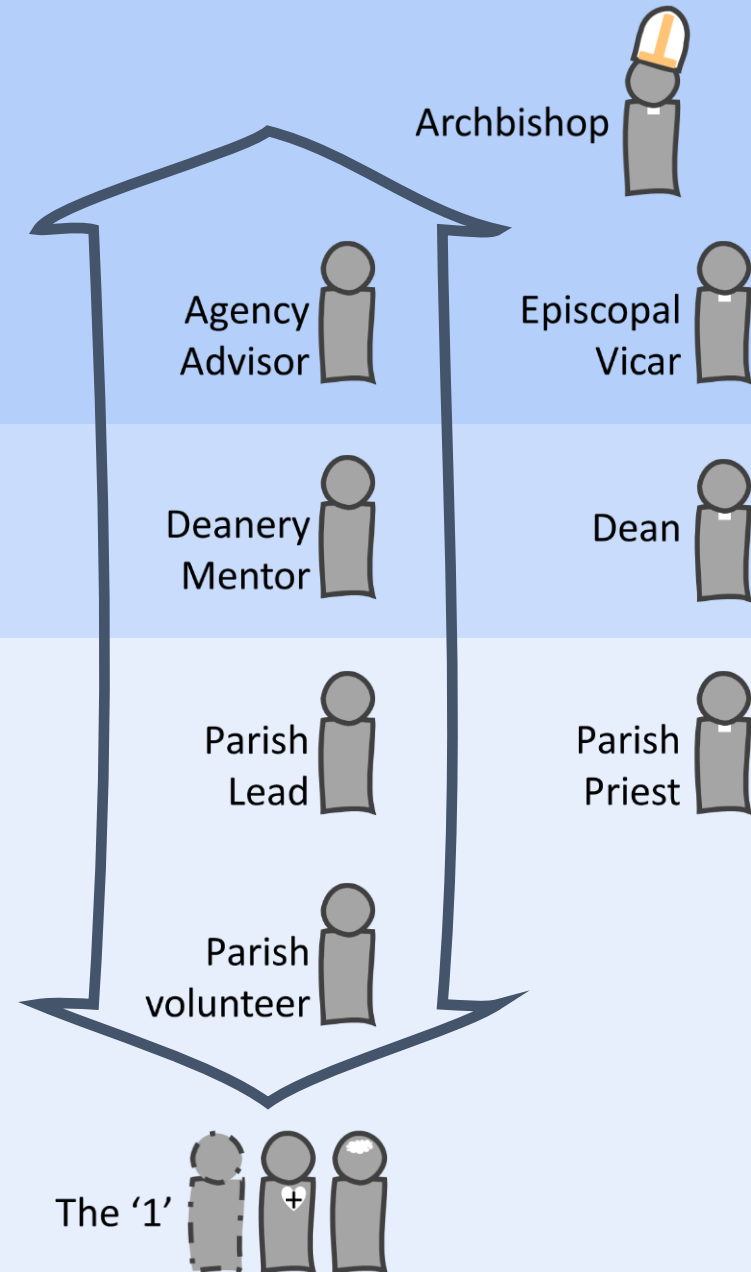
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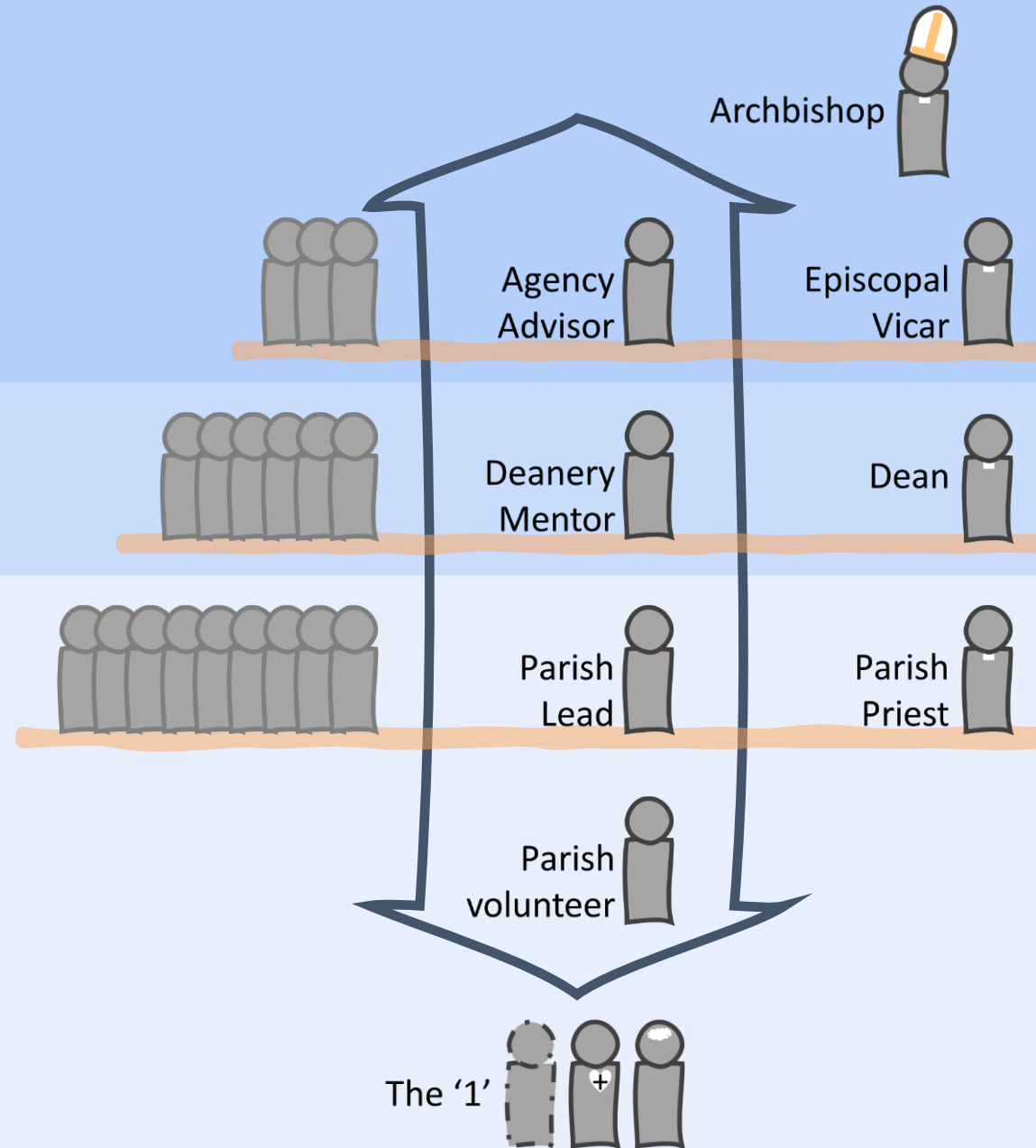
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Who here is a Parish Lead?

Plans

Making Parish Plans

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Prayer

So that everything we do and plan is built on solid foundations and is the Lord's vision.

Prayer Partners – are you interested in praying regularly for the work of the Agency?
Email aec@rcaos.org.uk

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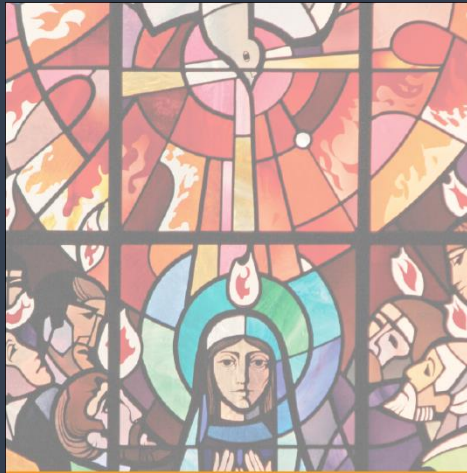
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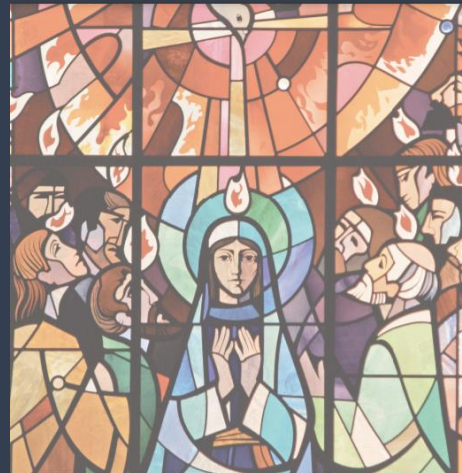


What can you do?



The Role of a
Deanery Mentor

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The Role of a
Parish Lead

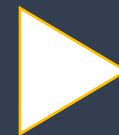
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Speak to your
parish priest and
ask how you can
serve.



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