

Lay Ministry

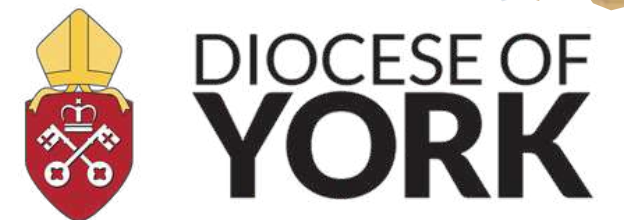
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HOW DOES IT AFFECT ME?

RECOGNISED PARISH ASSISTANTS (RPA)

"RPAs have served faithfully in this Diocese for a number of years and though their roles and authorisation is changing, their ministry is no less important. I hope all RPAs will consider joining the new and exciting Authorised Lay Ministry programme which is key to reinvigorating Lay Ministry in the Diocese of York."

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



Migration to Authorised Lay Ministry

We deeply value the ministry of RPAs in our Diocese. In order to provide more coherence to our Lay Ministry resourcing and to ensure appropriate guardianship and support, RPAs will move across to the Authorised Lay Ministry Pathway by Autumn 2023. From Autumn 2023 the designation Recognised Parish Assistant will no longer exist in the Diocese of York. Follow our easy 5 step plan to convert to Authorised Lay Ministry:



Support

We are here for you in your move from RPA to the Authorised Lay Ministry Pathway. The process begins with your own local ministry team. Our Diocesan Safeguarding Team are here to help. We have also begun to gather a Lay Ministry Encouragers Community who can walk with you on this journey. For more details, contact us.

if you have not already done so, you will need to do Safeguarding Basic, Foundation, **Leadership and Domestic Abuse*