

PROMOTER OF LAY SALVATORIANS

Job Advert



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The Salvatorians are seeking to appoint a suitable person with a background in Theology and/or Catechetics to promote the work and spirituality of their Lay Salvatorian groups in Britain and Ireland.

The Lay Salvatorians are members of an international association of lay people who share the apostolic aims and spirituality of the Salvatorian Order. We are particularly interested in appointing someone who can help us to widen the membership and its age range and place a renewed emphasis on missionary awareness.

Initial contract for one year, renewable
Salary circa £18,000 and mileage allowance
Closing date: 5th May 2008

Job Description and further details from
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See also: www.gb.sds.org

Job Description

1. To be responsible for the promotion of Lay Salvatorians in Britain and Ireland with particular responsibility for widening their membership and age base. At present there are thirty-nine people belonging to the Lay Salvatorians but with different degrees of commitment.
2. To assist the Lay Salvatorians to develop a formation programme in preparation for them making an individual commitment.
3. To help the Lay Salvatorians develop greater mission awareness and in particular to cooperate with other provinces in developing opportunities for lay people to serve in our Salvatorian missions.

We envisage that providing gap-year programmes in our missions will serve to widen the age base of the group.

4. To be accountable to the Director of Lay Salvatorians, Father Alex McAllister SDS, and to work closely with the leadership team of the Lay Salvatorians.
5. To attend meetings of Lay Salvatorians which are currently held Central London, North London, Thornbury (Bristol) and Runcorn and possibly in the future Dublin.

Further Details

1. No decision has yet been made about the location for the job but depending on circumstances and individual negotiation some office space can be provided either in Harrow or Thornbury, Bristol.
2. It is essential that the appointee quickly achieves a good grasp and appreciation of our Salvatorian spirituality and outlook. An initial period of induction into the life, work and spirituality of the Order will be provided.
This will involve visiting communities within the province, a reading programme, some seminars and a visit to another province to see how their groups of Lay Salvatorians have progressed.
3. The job will involve working closely with the priests who are working in our parishes helping them to see that they have an important role in encouraging the Lay Salvatorians and involving them in various aspects of ministry and in the life of the Order.
3. A full driving licence will be necessary as well as access to your own car. The allowance for business mileage will be at Inland Revenue rates i.e. 40p per mile up to 10,000 miles and 25p per mile over 10,000 miles.
4. In the nature of the job the hours of work will be flexible and will necessarily involve some meetings, etc at weekends. The salary is based on an expectation of thirty-eight hours per week.
5. The contract will provide for one month's notice of termination on either side. However there will be a formal review after six months and after eleven months a decision will be made as to whether to renew for the following year.

Person Specification

1. We are looking for someone with a strong commitment to the Catholic Faith together with a background and preferably a qualification in Theology and/or Catechetics.
2. The candidate would need to be confident and at ease with other people. They should have good social and leadership skills and be comfortable at public speaking and able to enthuse and motivate other people.
Since one of the principal aims behind the appointment is to widen the age range of the Lay Salvatorians (currently mostly 50+) the candidate should have an easy rapport with young people.
3. Other skills that will prove valuable will be a familiarity with IT including the preparation of newsletters and other publicity as well as teaching and communicating the basics of the Catholic faith and leading Liturgies of the Word.
4. The job will be undertaken under the general supervision of the Director of Lay Salvatorians but it is expected that the candidate would be self-motivated and not require a high level of supervision.

Interview

1. We hope to carry out the interviews in the week of 12th May 2008 and you will be informed by Wednesday 7th May if you are being called to interview.
2. At the interview you will be invited to give a five-minute presentation on the theme "The Role of the Laity in the Church Today." If you require projection facilities please inform us beforehand.
3. The interviews will take place at Porch House, 11 Castle Street, Thornbury, Bristol, BS35 1HA