



Magnificat Spiritual Advisors Workshop

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Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women

You must have the Bishop's okay!

The Spiritual Advisor must first be approved by the local ordinary.

Commentary: The local Service Team is to obtain the bishop's written approval of the original and all subsequent Spiritual Advisors. The Central Service Team needs to receive a copy of these confirmations.

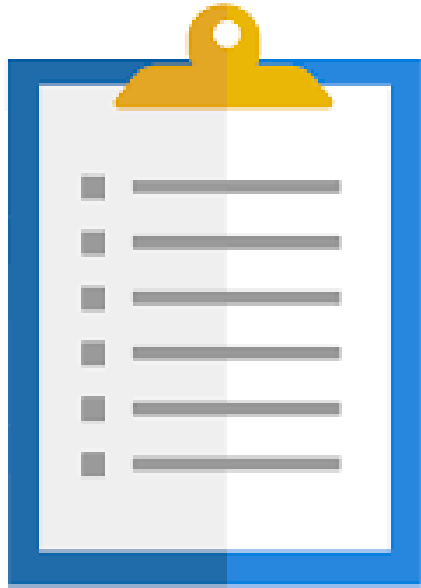
(Constitution: C- 24)



Archbishop for the Ministry



Archbishop Gregory Aymond
Archdiocese of New Orleans, LA.



Stuff you do...

- a) Confirms the Service Team's choice of speakers for the Magnificat Meal and other functions
- b) Helps the Service Team achieve consensus when necessary
- c) Counsels the Service Team when considering the selection of new Team members or new functions or services
- d) Meets with the Service Team at least once a year

(Handbook: C-24 - C-26)



YES!



NO!



It's ok to say "no, not this person"...

The Spiritual Advisor's duties are:

a) to confirm the Service Team's choice of speakers for the Magnificat Meal and other functions,

Commentary: If the Spiritual Advisor does not know the potential speaker, see Article VI.C (below).

Article V. Leadership Part 2 p. C-25

The local Service Team is also to seek the confirmation of its choice of a speaker from its Spiritual Advisor. **If the Spiritual Advisor does not know the potential speaker, he/she should check with the potential speaker's pastor or a person in a pastoral position who knows the potential speaker well.**

Commentary: **Only after the Service Team has unanimously agreed upon a speaker and obtained the Spiritual Advisor's approval, should the speaker be invited.** Women generally speak at Magnificat Meals; however, men may be occasionally invited to speak.

Article VI. Meetings Part C p. C-27



Lead and guide into unity...

The Spiritual Advisor's duties are

b) to help the Service Team achieve consensus when necessary,

Article V. Leadership Part 2 p. C-25

Securing confirmation of the speakers for the Magnificat Meal and other functions from the local Chapter's Spiritual Advisor.

Article V. Leadership Part B.7 p. C-14



Be fresh eyes, bring a new understanding...

The Spiritual Advisor's duties are *c) to counsel the Service Team when considering the selection of new Team members or new functions or services, and*

Article V. Leadership Part 2 p. C-25

Selection (of new Service Team members) requires unanimous consent. Various persons may be considered until unanimous agreement is achieved.

Commentary: *The Team needs to consult with the Spiritual Advisor and receive his/her confirmation of the new Service Team member prior to inviting her*

Article V. Leadership Part G.7 p. C-22



Meet to pray and discern...

The Spiritual Advisor's duties are

d) to meet with the Service Team at least once a year.

Commentary: The working relationship between the Service Team and the Spiritual Advisor is very important. If a difficulty arises in this relationship, the Service Team should consult immediately with the Central Service Team for discernment and assistance. As the Service Team's representative, ***the Coordinator is responsible for securing the Spiritual Advisor's confirmation of speakers and new Service Team members.*** In matters of importance, such as new direction and where discussion is needed, the Spiritual Advisor should meet with the entire Service Team. ***The Service Team is obliged to follow the advice of the Spiritual Advisor in matters regarding faith and morals*** in accord with the magisterium. In matters that pertain to inner governing, his/her advice should be respected and weighed very carefully before a final decision is made.

Article V. Leadership Part 2 p. C-25



What happens at the Meal?

- It is recommended that the Service Team invite the **Spiritual Advisor** to give a *short teaching (5 minutes)*; however, if the Spiritual Advisor is unavailable the Service Team may invite a priest or deacon to do so.
- Prays over Petitions (1 - 2 minutes): Written prayer requests are collected from each table and brought to the head table at the conclusion of the Meal. The **Spiritual Advisor** (or someone appointed by the Service Team) leads a brief prayer over them at the end of praise.
- The **Spiritual Advisor** sits at the head table with the Service Team, the speaker, (if married, the speaker's spouse - optional), and honored guests, such as a bishop, etc.

Handbook: Meal Guidelines pgs. 17-20

Testimony vs Teaching

Be attentive to the vocabulary used when communicating with the diocese.

Testimony: personal story of how God has acted in your life. Typically, does not need diocesan approval.

Teaching: sharing subject matter that normally **requires credentials** and possibly diocesan approval.

Spiritual Advisors: Typically, personal testimonies do not require diocesan approval.

Magnificat speakers give their personal testimony – not a teaching.

Please abide by your respective diocesan guidelines.



Spiritual Advisors -
Thank you
for being your local Ordinary's
representative to the
Magnificat Ministry.

We appreciate you sharing your gifts,
especially your time, wisdom and counsel.
May God bless you abundantly!