



Rosies Assistant Coordinator

Employment Information Kit

October 2022

Applications close: 5pm, 5th December 2022

Introduction

Oblates of Mary Immaculate

The Congregation of the Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate was founded by Saint Eugene de Mazenod.

St Eugene was described by his contemporaries as a man who had "a heart as big as the world". The impact of the French Revolution, coupled with a profound experience of the love of God, led him to dedicate his life to the service of Jesus Christ and the Church. By founding the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Southern France in 1816, Eugene sought to embody and communicate the Gospel of Christ to an increasingly diverse and secular world.

At his death in 1861, there were 400 Oblates working in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America. Today, over 4,000 Oblate priests and brothers, along with lay associates, work in 67 countries, on every continent.

His life of virtue was recognized by the Church, and, on 3 December 1995, Pope John Paul II declared him a Saint.

The Oblates arrived in Western Australia in 1894, taking charge of Fremantle parish and a reform school. The Oblates moved from the West coast of Australia to the Eastern coast thirty-two years later. Their house in the isolated and poor parish of Sorrento became a launching pad for an explosion of missionary activity. Through parish missions and retreats, the Oblates became known throughout Australia.

Oblates are currently working in a variety of ministries in parishes, secondary colleges, formation, and specific chaplaincies to prisons, hospitals, and youth.

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) hold the care, safety and well-being of children and vulnerable adults as a central and fundamental responsibility of our organisation. Children and vulnerable adults have a right to be safe and we commit to ensure and protect these rights in all Oblate ministries. We commit to policies and processes which reduce the likelihood of harm and respond appropriately to disclosures and allegations. We commit to providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection laws, regulations, and the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and to maintaining a child safe culture

OMI have a zero tolerance of child abuse and regards its child protection responsibilities with the utmost importance!

More information – www.oblates.com.au

Context

The Oblates aim to nurture existing networks and develop new networks between ministries in the Australian Province: Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate (MAMI), Partners in Mission (PIM), Oblate Family, Oblate Youth Australia (OYA), Rosies Vic, and existing Oblate Parish and School ministries.

The Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate (MAMI) is one organization through which the Oblates enlist the help of lay people. Through this Association, lay people become part of our Oblate Family. They become our co-workers, co-helpers, and Oblate Associates. Members receive a certificate on being enrolled and they also receive a copy of our Oblate Newsletter - MAMI News Bulletin. We offer Mass each day for all our members, and they are also remembered in our community prayers. Through this important ministry, money is raised to support the missions overseas, particularly in Indonesia and China, as well as the important ministry of formation.

Partners in Mission (PIM) is a program of the Australian Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate which offers members of the Oblate Family the opportunity to work as part of an overseas Oblate Mission community and develop their own faith by helping others and living in community as lay missionaries.

The Program commenced in 2009 in the Oblate Mission in Zhaoqing, in Guangdong Province in south eastern China. The PIM Program may also be extended to Oblate missions in Java and Kenya in the future.

De Mazenod Family is a developing lay ministry in the Australia Province. The term “De Mazenod Family” refers to all those who identify with the charism of St Eugene and the Congregation he founded.

In August 2019 the participants of the De Mazenod Family Gathering recognised the need to establish a committee to develop networks across Oblate ministries to work closely with Oblates and laity to name, celebrate and participate in mutual formation in our common charism.

Oblate Youth Australia is a national organisation of young people who identify with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate who come together in a spirit of fun and friendship to help build community by sharing our Catholic faith and our life experiences. Oblate Youth Australia provides resources for local weekly meetings and local and national events.

More information: www.oblateyouth.com

Rosies Oblate Youth Mission, Victoria & Queensland

Named in honor of its humble beginnings in 1975, Rosies began as a summer outreach of young people to young people in Rosebud. In 1991 it was decided that a similar service could be provided to those who were isolated and homeless in the city of Melbourne, so Rosies moved to its present home, Flinders Street Station.

Rosies provides young people with the chance to live their faith alongside other young people who wish to do the same.

The Rosies Mission moved to Queensland in 1980's.

Oblate Colleges

The Australian Province of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate has a proud tradition of

meeting the needs of young people through contact with them in our Parishes, Colleges, Rosies and other youth ministries. The Oblates originally came to Australia to fulfil an educational role. The great influx of migrants after WWII had placed overwhelming pressures on the Catholic Education system and in the mid-1950s the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate received many invitations to open schools in various dioceses throughout Australia.

There are now 3 Oblate boys' colleges in Australia, with Iona in Queensland, Mazonod College in both Victoria and Western Australia, and a co-educational school in Brisbane, St Eugene's College.

Oblate Parish Ministry

The Oblates currently have pastoral responsibility for Parishes in the Archdioceses of Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne, and the Dioceses of Sale and Wollongong.

Position Description

Position title: Rosies Assistant Coordinator

Reports to: Rosies Coordinator

Responsible to: Rosies Coordinator

Context:

Rosies is a community of people sharing the Oblate spirit of daring. Inspired by the Gospel & the charism of St Eugene de Mazenod, Rosies reaches out to those most abandoned, to be present with them, offering them experiences of community and belonging.

Through the simple gesture of a hot drink and a chat, Rosies aims to create a community where people feel valued, their differences are respected, and their basic needs are met so they can live in dignity.

Our simple mission is to offer times of presence with others through our outreach on Flinders Street.

Our Service:

Rosies provides young people with the chance to live out their faith alongside other young people who wish to do the same. Rosies volunteers are aged between 18-30 and serve drinks and have a chat to all those who come to the van. The van operates every Wednesday and Friday evening from 8:30pm – 10:30pm in front of the ACMI Building on Flinders Street.

Purpose of the Position:

To assist with the coordination of Rosies Oblate Youth Mission Inc., working alongside the coordinator and volunteers to ensure the smooth operation of the Rosies outreach.

Key Accountabilities:

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Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the van is stocked and ready for each outreach • Order supplies and equipment as necessary • Create and maintain volunteer rosters • Ensure teams are present and prepared for each outreach • Maintain effective computer database system(s) to manage volunteers • Perform general administrative duties in support of Rosies Oblate Youth Mission • Assist with the planning of special management committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting

Fundraising and Donations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with fundraising through appeals, events, and grant applications • Assist in the coordination and collection of any material donations
People and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in volunteer recruitment, retention strategies and training programs • Assist in ensuring that the obligations of volunteering are complied with by all volunteers • Assist in the planning and running of volunteer spiritual and community building activities • Assist in ensuring all volunteers conform to the Child Protection & safe working procedures and policies
Media & Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with maintaining website and social media pages • Assist in the creation of social media & website content

Preferred qualifications & skills:

- A strong commitment to the mission, teachings, and practices of the Catholic Faith.
- Knowledge or capacity to learn about the history and mission of the Oblates in Australia and the charism.
- Demonstrated excellent written and verbal communication skills, including public speaking and presenting.
- Computer literate with a good working knowledge of Office based applications and ideally a publishing application.
- Interpersonal, organisational, and administrative skills.
- An ability to achieve as part of a team, but often with a minimum of direction.
- A high level of energy, a spirit of generosity and an ability to work to deadlines.
- Previous experience in a volunteer environment.
- Valid current driver's license (P2 or above) & ability/willingness to drive the Rosies Van.

Based:

This position is based in Mulgrave, Melbourne, and will require the successful applicant to work 15 hours a week and will require the successful applicant to attend the street outreach when necessary. The successful applicant will be required to obtain a Police check and Working with Children Check.

Remuneration: Remuneration subject to experience and qualifications.
2 Year Contract; 15 Hour Week; A Computer will be provided.

Please send applications to Emma Rice via email only erice@oblates.com.au