

QUALIFICATIONS TO MODERATE

Whether you are a priest looking for a volunteer, or a volunteer trying to recruit a team, this document will help you. Discussion leaders, known as moderators, are responsible for listening to the guests and maintaining our goal: to provide a safe, open, and loving environment for group discussions. The list below is a sampling of those who may be gifted at moderating, which means they are good listeners.

- Graduate degree possibilities or have worked in the following areas
 - Professional Counseling
 - Marriage & Family Therapy
 - Social Work
 - Addictions Counseling
 - Industrial Psychology
 - School Guidance Counseling
- Undergraduate degree possibilities or have worked in the following areas
 - Psychology
 - Philosophy
 - Sociology
 - Human Resources
- Anyone who has received special training for
 - Group Dynamics
 - Small Group Communications
 - Interpersonal Relationships
 - Prison Ministry
 - Support groups such as AA or SA
 - Working with the disabled population
 - Conflict Resolution
- Professionals & high-end sales: good listeners, good relationship builders
 - Jewelry
 - Real Estate
 - Auto Sales
 - Flight Attendant
 - Mediator
 - Paralegals
- Personality traits
 - Moderating can be easier for introverts because they prefer to think inside their head (as opposed to extroverts who may prefer think verbally).
 - Some extroverts are great moderators because they easily speak up in a group setting.
 - Somebody who is a real ham! Somebody who likes the limelight, maybe good with self-deprecating humor.
 - Someone who values the skills of others.
 - Someone who is comforting.
 - Someone who is teachable, who likes to grow and learn.
 - Someone who is not easily offended.
- The square peg in the round hole
 - Someone who doesn't fit above but for some other reason would be a good candidate.