

“I first witnessed the gifts and talents of Elation Music Ministry enthuse young people at the Knock Youth Festival. They have a natural ability to draw young people into the experience of prayer and worship which is totally respectful of the young people present. As a result of seeing their ministry at Knock I booked them for the Youth Day which was part of the National RE Congress 2009 at Dundalk.

In the preparation for this event, I found Elation Music ministry extremely easy to work with, and their obvious enthusiasm for, and commitment to young people in the Church shone through at all stages. It is evident to those privileged to join Elation in praise and worship that their ministry flows from a deep commitment to show their own faith through music and song. I would have no hesitation in recommending Elation Ministries to anyone wishing to provide young people with a lived experience of praise and worship.”

Brian McKee, Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Down and Connor.



I have worked with Elation over the past number of years and have found them to be a truly Christ-centred worship ministry who are very effective with young and old alike. They have a hunger to see the Gospel spread, and use their music very effectively in this pursuit, both in their writing and recording of new Christian music, and also on outreach.

I am particularly impressed with their idea of running workshops to show others how to use their musicianship in the service of the Lord. I produced their first studio album and found them a joy to work with. They have a strong vision of what they want their music to sound like, accompanied by a commitment to excellence in the execution of this vision. This is a great encouragement to others in the pursuit of God,
Rónán Johnston, Producer/Composer

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Elation Ministries



**“Young people
committed to spreading
the Good news through
worship and song”**

Elation Ministries are a group who aim to bring the Gospel to people through music and song. The group is made of a number of people from various parts of Ireland who have experienced the transforming power of Christ in their lives and feel a calling to minister to others through their gifts. By definition the name Elation Ministries means to serve with Joy.

People involved with Elation have experienced the personal love of God and his transforming power in their lives. As a result of this they aim to help deepen other people's experience of prayer. "To sing is to pray twice." (St Augustine)

Music Ministry

Our Music Ministry can take many forms, some of which include:

Leading a congregation in lively 'Prayer and Praise' or setting a contemplative tone with gentler and more reflective hymns/meditations.

Providing music for Masses, Retreats, Prayer meetings, Conferences, Festivals, Days of Prayer, Parish Missions/Outreach and many other events and ceremonies, and therefore providing an added richness to the events and Liturgies.

Music Workshop

Workshops are aimed at people who want to use their gifts of music and song in service of the Church. We aim to share our experience of ministering to people through music.

WORKSHOPS INVOLVE:

- Talks on what is involved in music ministry
- Testimonies from Elation Ministries members
- Prayer and praise through music and song
- Practical guidelines for ministering through music
- Guidance on the use of sound equipment
- Practical exercise involving music and scripture

Day workshops typically run for 3-4 hours. Longer workshops (e.g. over 2 days) can be discussed and arranged according to the needs of a diocese/parish.



Retreats / Missions

As a ministry, Elation are not limited to serving the Lord through music alone. The group also lead parish missions and retreats, and facilitate various avenues for prayer.

RECOMMENDATIONS

"Elation Ministries offer a very high quality of musical expertise allied with a sensitivity to liturgical requirements and a profound sense of prayerfulness. I have seen them at work in a variety of contexts, supporting music at liturgies and animating groups of young people to praise God. They use a wide range of material and tempos. I thank God that the Church in Ireland is blessed with their dedication and professionalism."

Donal McKeown, Auxiliary Bishop of Down and Connor.

