

Director of Music

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Jamaica, NY

SUMMARY & PURPOSE

A Director of Music at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in South Jamaica, Queens, develops and leads the worship music ministry for the church, in consultation with the pastor, in a way that is consistent with the mission, values, theology and spirit of Vatican II, and reflective of diversity and ethnicity of the local church community.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- He/she plans and selects music for Sunday, holy days, and other worship services
- Arranges songs, and directs all musical performances in live worship settings for the local community (Sundays at 9:00 AM)
- Recruits, motivates, supervises, and shepherds musicians, both paid and volunteers as to their musical performance and professional behavior
- Aspires to develop a state-of-the-art musical program that aims to be exceptional in this part of the city
- Aims to create a program that attracts and leads people to worship
- Has an exclusive ability to hire/fire musicians and volunteers as he/she sees them (un)fit for the vision and excellence of the program
- Schedules, organizes, and conducts a regular weekly rehearsal that lasts at least 90 minutes
- Meets with Pastor to discuss musical issues, plans, and concerns on a regular basis
- Arrives at least 30 minutes before services and assures functionality of instruments and the sound system
- Recommends the tuning, maintenance, replacement, and/or purchase of new musical instruments and other equipment
- Oversees filing and general organization of the music library
- Oversees any subscriptions (except for annual missalettes) and copyright issues pertaining to the musical sources and materials
- Collaborates with Media Team to enhance worship experiences across all services and platforms
- Communicates with the Coordinator of Media Ministry about musical choices at least one week before the service, or as soon as they are available
- Collaborates with the Steel Pan Band and other standing, or impromptu groups/choirs/bands at St. Joseph's
- Maintains a contact list of all choir/band members and substitutes and notifies the pastor about any concerns or issues concerning personnel

IDEAL GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Authentic Christian faith and relationship with God
- Love and respect for all people
- Committed to St. Joseph's vision, leadership, and people
- Dependable, responsible, self-motivated and creative
- Effective leadership and team building abilities
- Highly relational and encouraging to others
- Excellent public communication and worship leading skills
- Diverse exposure to songs of the Church: past and contemporary, mainstream Catholic, as well as pan-Christian and of ethnic background
- Flexibility and creative thinking in a rapidly growing and changing church environment
- Passion for seeing transformation in the lives of musicians and the people of the wider local community, and beyond
- Multi-year previous experience in church-related setting

MUSICAL COMPETENCIES

- Ability to work in wide range of styles including Christian classics, yet with a focus on contemporary Christian music of a wide variety
- Ability to lead worship and to train others
- Professional quality piano/keyboard player
- Composing, arranging, writing, and possibly sequencing music
- Producing and directing special events and celebrations (including, but not limited to weddings, funerals, concerts, and other kinds of worship)
- Experience with, or strong interest in other technical aspects of contemporary services, e.g.: sound systems, video editing, live streaming, music production software (ProTools, Logic Pro, etc.)

EVALUATION & SALARY

- The pastor will conduct regular semi-annual evaluation of the position and performance
- This job description may be amended at any time, in response of the change of demands
- Salary and compensation are negotiable

CONTACT TO APPLY:

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