

Youth Minister and Coordinator of Religious Education

St. Mary's Parish in Simsbury, Connecticut is seeking a full time Youth Minister and Coordinator of Religious Education. The position has three components:

- Pastoral ministry to the youth of St. Mary's Parish of middle school, high school and college age
- The organization and supervision of the religious education program for students in middle and high school
- The organization and the supervision of the Confirmation Program for students in grades nine and ten.

Essential Functions:

- Ministers to the middle school, high school, and college youth
 - By getting to know students and ministering to them as needed
 - By establishing a vital youth group that provides youth with a sense of fellowship and social cohesion that will enable them to live out their Catholic faith
- Develops goals, objectives and strategies for the religious education program
- Designs a catechetical program for students in grades 7-10
- Designs and carries out a confirmation program that enables young people to be committed Catholics
- Provides high school and college students who have been confirmed with social and educational opportunities to grow in their faith
- Recruits, trains, supervises and evaluates catechists and other volunteers
- Participates in the community and worship life of St. Mary's Parish

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities Desired:

- Good organizational skills
- Ability to communicate effectively with others
- Ability to make effective public presentations
- Strong computer skills; Knowledge of and use of social media
- Ability to prioritize projects
- Self-motivated
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Music and/or artistic skills that facilitate relationship building with middle, high school, and college students are desirable.
- Familiarity with Life Teen and Edge desirable

Special Working Conditions

- Availability to work most weekends during the school year
- Evening meetings as well as regular business hours

Requirements:

- A practicing Catholic
- A BA or BS that includes studies in education and/or religious studies/theology. An MA in Religious Education is desirable.

Applications Should Be Sent by February 1, 2015 to:

The Search Committee, St. Mary's Church, 3 Massaco St., P.O. Box 575
Simsbury, CT 06070. Or by email attachment to

Businessmanager@stmarysimsbury.org For a more complete Job Description email the above