Archdiocese of Toronto

Contract Opportunity

ORGANIST
St. John's Parish

794 Kingston Road Toronto, ON M4E 1R7
Part time (16-20 hours per month)
Replacement Position
Target Service Fee: $200 per Mass

Overview:

St. John's Parish is seeking a part time Organist to play the organ to accompany and enhance the sung praise of the congregation for divine worship in the church two Sunday Masses (9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.), seasonal liturgical celebrations, weddings, funerals, etc. The Organist is also responsible to direct the choir members. This position is a independent contractor position with the possibility to renew at the end of the contract term.

Responsibilities:

- In cooperation with the Pastor, plan and implement the two Sunday Masses and special liturgies such as Tridium, Pentecost, Solemnities, etc.
- Prepare choral music for the above listed Liturgies (developed from readings and resources).
- Conduct choir members during the Liturgy and rehearsals.
- Communicate with choir members about choir practice and music selections (weekly choir practice).
- Schedule, prepare for, and lead choir practice (based on Mass readings and resources).
- Work in cooperation with other music ministry contractors to share in executing music for the Liturgy.
- Work cooperatively with the Pastor and parish colleagues and maintain a positive attitude/behavior in dealings with clergy, parish members and the community, as a representative of the parish
- Play at assigned weddings, funerals and other special events, as assigned by the Pastor.
- Coordinate the orientation of music selection for couples that will be married in the Parish with a repertoire of appropriate liturgical music appropriate.
- Other duties, as required.

General Requirements:

- A degree and/or equivalent qualification in music
- Previous experience leading music ministry with choir in such a way to foster congregational participation
- Experienced vocalist and/or instrumentalist
- Collaboration with Pastor and other staff members such as the Lay Pastoral Associate
- Music ministry experience to train and accompany choir members and instrumentalists
- Knowledgeable of liturgical principles based on the Church's liturgical documents
- Ability to work with amateur, volunteer and more experienced singers

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- Familiar choral repertoire for various choral voicings
- Demonstrates a spirit of generosity and creativity
- Fully initiated members of the Catholic Church in good standing
- Recognized within the local Church as a person of good reputation
- Must be legally entitled to work in Canada
- A criminal background check will be required of the successful applicant

Those wishing to be considered should submit their resume and cover letter in MS Word or PDF format to: **Fr. Andrew Cyruk** at **acyruk@rogers.com**. Deadline for receipt of applications is **Until the position is filled**. We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

In compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), the Archdiocese of Toronto provides reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities. If contacted for an interview, applicants should make any accommodation needs known at that time.

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