

Director of Music for Youth – St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Gaithersburg, Maryland is seeking a talented and dynamic part-time Director of Music for Youth who will maintain and further develop a vibrant program for young musicians.

Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church is a large multicultural parish in the Archdiocese of Washington. Our mission is to respond to God's mercy by growing disciples through encounter and evangelization. All parishioners are invited to *Pray/Grow/Serve, Orar/Crece/Servir*, to embrace intercultural encounters, the sacraments, growing disciples, service, and stewardship. Our music ministry for youth is an important opportunity for our young musicians to serve the parish during liturgies. They are taught not only musical skills and repertoire, but are empowered to grow in service as leaders in living their baptismal promises.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Prepare for and lead 1-2 choir rehearsals every 3 weeks.
- Work with youth cantors and instrumentalists as needed.
- Lead the teen choir during 1 parish Mass every 3 weeks, as well as for a variety of special feast day, holiday, and sacramental Masses.
- Work under the direction of and in collaboration with the Director of Music Ministries to prepare for special Masses.
- Communicate effectively with parents and choir members.
- Recruit new members for the existing teen choir.
- Work towards developing a program for younger singers, which will potentially add 1 Mass to the 3-week schedule.

Qualifications:

- Must be a practicing Catholic, with the ability to express the love of God and neighbor through music and have knowledge and understanding of Catholic liturgy.
- Knowledge of diverse musical styles including traditional and contemporary Catholic music.
- Ability to teach basic elements of music such as note-reading, rhythm, dynamics, etc.
- A minimum of three years' experience leading young church musicians.
- The ability to play an instrument is a bonus.
- Good interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills.

Schedule: This is a flexible, 10 hour/week position. Rehearsal times are generally on Sunday evenings, with other optional times as needed to work with individuals. The choir season runs from September through early June, with summer hours as desired for activities, program planning, and meeting with student leaders.

To apply or for inquiries: Qualified candidates should email a cover letter and résumé with two references to: Remi F. Bauer, Director of Music Ministries, rbauer@strose.com