

St. John the Evangelist Parish in Columbia, MD seeks a qualified Director of Music who demonstrates equal skill and passion for both traditional and contemporary worship music. The Director, in consultation with the Pastor and staff, is responsible for the oversight of all music used in liturgical celebrations in the parish. The successful candidate will have strong interpersonal skills, a desire to see our music ministers grow in their musical ability in service of God and His Church, and a passion for creating music that elevates the beauty of the liturgy, while fostering active participation of the faithful. St. John the Evangelist, Columbia, is a culturally diverse, multi-lingual, dynamic, growing parish committed to the mission of the church. St. John the Evangelist serves two inter-faith centers in Wilde Lake and Oakland Mills in Howard County, Maryland.

This is a benefits-eligible position to begin in September 2022. Hours (20 – 30 per week) and salary is commensurate with experience.

Job Responsibilities:

Music

- Ability to recruit/ develop/ direct/ accompany a traditional, adult, volunteer choir
- Lead music for the weekly Sunday Masses, Holy Days, and special celebrations
- Train and oversee several contemporary groups and schedule their mass assignments
- Train and schedule volunteer cantors for the 8:00 am Mass
- Plan, teach, and rehearse music weekly for the cantors and adult choirs (Sept-June)

Administration and Coordination

- Coordinate music and musicians for weddings and funerals. The Director has the first right to accompany these Masses for an additional stipend
- Coordinate leaders, pianists, and other musicians for the 4:00 and 11:30 Masses
- Coordinate leaders and volunteer musicians for the Christmas, Triduum and Easter liturgies
- Manage/oversee the music budget, payroll requests, music planning, music communications, Virtus training for music volunteers, music membership and license renewals, copyright issues, etc.
- Work with staff to coordinate music and musicians for First Communion, Confirmation, and Vacation Bible School
- Attend weekly staff meetings and work with the parish staff to further develop the mission of the parish
- Support the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and demonstrate commitment to the parish mission
- Live a life in conformity with Catholic teaching, and embrace the role of serving as a public minister of the Church and representative of the parish

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- Bachelor's Degree in music or equivalent education experience
- Strong piano and vocal skills; organ skills preferred
- Ability to play piano from a lead sheet or chord chart

Send cover letter and resume to John Papania, Parish Manager, john.papania@sjerc.org.