

Youth Band Leader

Holy Redeemer Parish, Kanata

Do you have a desire to be more involved in your parish? Do you have a desire to see parishioners encounter Christ in a new way, while growing closer to the Lord yourself? As the youth band leader of the 7pm Sunday Mass Choir at Holy Redeemer, you have the opportunity to lead, teach, train, and develop your skills in music and in spiritual leadership.

Goals of the Position

The primary function of the position is to develop and lead a choir of young people (Highschool/University/young adult age) who love to worship the Lord through music. The goal of the choir is to play music that invites, includes, and engages the congregation in worship. Working as a team, the choir strives to serve the congregation and grow in love for the Lord. As a leader, you will do this through weekly reflections, personal sharing and prayer before mass with the youth. The choir seeks to draw parishioners further into the mass through music which leads them to pray.

The group primarily play a combination of contemporary praise and worship music, and some classic hymns (CBW etc.) in contemporary settings that fit the theme of the mass.

Roles & Responsibilities

- To prepare, lead, and coordinate the music for the 7pm Youth Mass on Sundays, and special masses during the Christmas and Easter Season.

The youth band runs from September to June annually to correspond with the high school calendar year. The group takes a break for 2 months in the summer (July/August). The amount of time per week of commitment is approximately 6 hours. (4 hours on Sunday, 2 hours of prep beforehand)

*The leader must be available 95% of the time for youth mass.

Typical Sunday Schedule:

4:30pm - Setup Sound
5:00pm - Team prayer/reflection, sharing
5:30pm - Practice before mass
6:45pm - Prayer together before mass
7:00 pm - Mass
8:00pm - Clean up

The specific tasks associated with the position are:

- Plan music to play for each mass based on theme, liturgical season etc.
- Print chord sheets, lyric sheets, piano sheets weekly for mass
- Print/copy weekly psalm
- Create PowerPoint of lyrics for mass
- Attend monthly liturgy meetings
- Schedule extra practices for Christmas/Easter
- Set up sound equipment/instruments before Sunday evening practice
- Prepare a weekly reflection to share with the group during team prayer
- Facilitate group discussions, lead prayers, and answer questions related to faith
- Practice songs/psalm with the team before mass
- Find a person to change slides during mass

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- Lead congregation in worship during the 7pm mass
- Clean up after mass
- Recruiting new members throughout the year as needed.

*Any of the tasks can be delegated and or shared with the rest of the youth band as the leader desires.

Do's and Don'ts of the Position

Do's:

- Have the right mindset in leading worship in the context of the mass
- Lead with excellence
- Encourage your members
- Invite members to take ownership of their role
- Invite others to join. Our group is a youth ministry as well as a band
- Dress professionally

Don'ts:

- Don't be late, set an example of a weekly commitment
- Don't pick worship songs that have lyrics not in line with Catholic teaching
- Don't perform
- Don't pick keys which are too hard for the congregation to sing

Skills/Experience/Qualification Needed

- Need to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Need to be in communion with the Catholic Church/church teaching
- Need to be a role model for the faith, which includes living out the 10 commandments, frequenting the sacraments, having a personal prayer life etc.
- Need to understand the workings of the mass/the role of music
- Need to see their role as contributing to the missionary activity in the church
- Strong leadership skills
- Strong musical knowledge/ability
- Very skilled at a lead instrument such as guitar/piano/vocals
- Good knowledge of the faith/bible
- Preferably someone who is out of university but is under 30. We want to keep the youth band as young people as much as possible. Generally, it needs to be someone who has the time commitment/routine/maturity that allows for the responsibility of this position.

Desirable personal traits:

- Organized
- Punctual
- Energetic (make it fun!)
- Charismatic (in tune with the promptings of the Holy Spirit)
- Joy of the Lord (have a contagious joy which attracts others to Christ)
- Compassionate
- Vision oriented (having the goal of reviving souls for Christ)

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Orientation/Training Available

The new leader will initially be trained and on boarded by the previous holder of the position.

Examples of further training a candidate could attend: a CCO RiseUp conference or Faith Study series, Massive Worship training run by NET ministries, online worship leading resources, get inspired by listening/observing other worship leaders/bands, music lessons.

The following resources are available and will be passed on to the new leader:

- SongSelect by CCLI
- Dropbox sheet music
- Powerpoint Slides repertoire of all songs
- Song scheduling/theme picking tools

Position Support

This position is ultimately supported and coordinated by the parish priest/liturg committee. The responsibility falls on the Youth Band Leader to perform and adapt the position as needed.

Benefits

This is a volunteer position. There is no compensation for the role itself. The parish has a music budget to allow for purchasing music resources, equipment, some potential training etc. The benefits from this job include the satisfaction of giving back to the parish, serving the Lord, bringing others closer to Christ, and growing in your own musical abilities and walk with the Lord.

Screening Measures

Please contact the parish's "Responsible Ministry" for the screening requirements needed to volunteer in the parish.

Contact

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