

Employment Opportunity

YOUTH MINISTER

St. John the Evangelist Parish

903 Giffard Street Whitby, ON L1N 2S3

Full time (35 hours per week)

Temporary Maternity Leave Replacement – 1 Year

Target Hiring Salary: \$21.75 per hour

Overview:

St. John the Evangelist Parish is seeking a full time Youth Minister, who will report to the Pastor, to work with parish staff, volunteers, school administrators, teachers, parents and children to oversee youth ministry at the parish and develop/facilitate programmes which support a comprehensive vision of youth involvement in assistance and support in promoting and running the youth ministry programmes.

This is a temporary position to cover a maternity leave starting April 2025 for one year.

Responsibilities:

- Establish and direct youth ministry for children in grades 6-8 (EDGE) and high school youth (LIFETEEN) by providing strong catechetical and social components in the weekly sessions
- Discuss topics relevant to today's youth and address contemporary issues from a Catholic perspective
- Develop a team of parish volunteers to assist with ministry to youth and continue to recruit and train new volunteers
- Visit Catholic elementary and secondary schools to develop healthy relationships with students and staff
- Prepare and run one retreat per year for EDGE and LIFETTEN participants
- Foster an environment that supports youth ministry across parish ministries (e.g. coordinate youth involvement with Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives, Feed the Hungry, and outreach to parish nursing homes)
- Support and enhance an already established monthly Youth Mass
- Develop social media outlets and networking options to enhance communication with youth and their families
- Encourage parish youth to take part in Catholic youth conferences (e.g. Steubenville) and other events which will strengthen their faith and build relationships with youth from neighbouring parishes and other regions of the Archdiocese of Toronto
- Oversee the development and usage of the parish youth ministry budget
- Other duties, as required

General Requirements:

- College or university degree or equivalent formation/training suited to the work required for this position

- Previous leadership experience in youth ministry (EDGE, LIFETEEN, OCY Summer Camp, Totus Tuus) will be definite assets
- In communion with the Catholic Church and actively practising the Catholic faith
- A good understanding and acceptance of Catholic Church teaching
- A mature spiritual life
- Respect for Church leadership as well as parish clergy
- Able to work independently and collaboratively as a member of the parish staff
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Strong computer skills, including proficiency with Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint as well as web navigation and social media
- Able to work during the day, evenings and weekends as necessary
- Clear driver's abstract
- 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. Francisco Fernandez** at **stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org**. Deadline for receipt of applications is **March 15, 2025**. 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.