

Director of Youth Ministry Part-Time

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Summary

To provide leadership and direction to our youth in middle school through high school (grades 7-12). This position shall develop programs to help the youth grow in faith, love and following the will of God. In addition to working with the youth groups, this position may assist the volunteers working with the confirmation class and high school Sunday school.

Goal

The goal of this ministry is to guide our youth as they grow in their Christian identity; they develop the ability and desire to connect their faith with everyday life; they begin to discern a sense of calling; and they are equipped to live out their baptismal promises.

Qualifications

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities include the following. Other responsibilities may be assigned.

- Responsible for leading and planning the youth group activities; providing Bible study, service projects, fun and fellowship, outreach, retreats and mission trips. Activities are held on weekends, evenings and occasionally overnight.
- Collaborate with other ministries of St. Barnabas so that the youth ministry is an active part of major church events and missions.
- Build strong relationships with youth to encourage and grow participation in overall youth programs, which include relevant social and service opportunities.
- Serve as a mentor and role model for the youth.
- Ensure effective communication occurs with youth, parents, council and the congregation. This may include providing articles for the Encourager, photos and updates for the church's social media sites, reporting to council and maintaining the youth bulletin board.
- Manage the youth ministry's budget.

- Communicate and enforce church expectations, rules and safe child guidelines.
- Maintain proper and safe boundaries with youth in travel, housing and phone calls, texting and social media..

Essential Knowledge and Skills

You must be committed to Jesus Christ with a clear understanding of St. Barnabas' perspective of the Christian Faith. In addition, you must have a mature faith and commitment to the theology of grace and forgiveness. Beneficial skills may include:

- Experience in education or church work preferred.
- Strong character; bring joy and good humor to relationships.
- Strong leadership skills to foster a climate of invitation, outreach, welcome, openness and acceptance.
- Professional work ethic and positive attitude, including maintaining confidentiality.
- Ability to communicate clearly.
- Strong organizational skills to handle multi-tasking and coordinating activities.
- Relational skills with children, parents, and people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Proficient in technology and social media applications.

Education and/or Experience

High school diploma or general education degree (GED) with some college completed; or one to three years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.