

Lead Vocalist

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 a lead vocalist, you have the opportunity to lead, teach, train, and develop skill in music and in spiritual leadership.

Goals of the Position

The primary function of the position is to serve as the lead vocalist in 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. We seek to draw parishioners further into the mass through music which leads them to pray.

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

Roles & Responsibilities

- To be the coordinator of vocals and to teach/develop other vocalists in the group
- To support the youth band leader in their various tasks and responsibilities
- To sing the psalm if no other band members are able/willing

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 3-4 hours.

*The lead vocalist 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

Do's and Don'ts of the Position

Do's:

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- Have the right mindset in leading worship in the context of the mass
- Lead with excellence
- Encourage other members
- 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 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.
- Strong leadership skills
- Strong musical knowledge/ability
- Very skilled at vocals

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)

Orientation/Training Available

Examples of 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 through the youth band leader:

- SongSelect by CCLI

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Position Support

This position is ultimately supported and coordinated by the Youth Band Leader.

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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