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## **St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Staunton, Virginia • Catholic Diocese of Richmond**

The historic St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish located in downtown Staunton, Virginia is looking for an enthusiastic director to build our music program for the glory of God and for the edification of the faithful. St. Francis is home to approximately 600 families and has four masses per weekend. We have cantors and volunteer traditional and schola choirs. We desire to foster beautiful liturgy and excellent sacred music, with strong participation by the laity. St. Francis is an intergenerational and diverse parish with an active and enthusiastic lay population. Historic Staunton, Virginia is an award-winning Virginia Main Street community located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. A dedicated music director with a heart for excellence and a reverence for the sacred liturgy will be a key part of the life of our parish.

### **Requirements**

Minimum Bachelor's degree in Music or related field, with thorough knowledge of Catholic liturgical music and the Church's patrimony of sacred music.

Proficient in playing the organ and piano preferred.

Ability to plan liturgically appropriate music in multiple styles.

Familiarity with vocal techniques and experience in choral leadership, both Gregorian chant and SATB.

Good organizational skills; delegation, time management, long-range planning.

Preference given to a practicing Catholic in good standing.

### **Duties**

Direct volunteer choirs and schola, conducting weekly rehearsals and warm-ups on Sunday mornings.

Attend monthly Liturgy Council meetings and staff meetings.

Ability to work collaboratively with a broad spectrum of people, including Pastor, office staff, and volunteer musicians.

Arrange for substitute accompanist when needed.

Program music for weddings and funerals and act as musician for these services.

Program and direct the music at all special liturgies, ie Triduum, Lessons and Carols, Vespers, Holy Day Masses, etc.

Program and direct a children's choir for Christmas Eve, Seek to grow and expand this program throughout the year.

Handle the administration of these matters, including tracking the hours/payments of hired musicians, acquiring scored, printing for choir.

Design and produce printed worship aids, as needed.

### **Compensation**

This is a full-time exempt position with benefits on a salary basis. Salary is commensurate with experience and diocesan pay scale. Interested and qualified applicants should send their resume and cover letter to:

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