

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Director of Youth Ministry and Catechesis

POSITION TITLE: Director of Youth Ministry and Catechesis

LOCATION: St. Patrick Catholic Church
6455 Brook Park Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Education and/or Experience:

B.A. in Theology and/or Catechetics

Masters Degree in Theology or Religious Studies

In depth knowledge of Catholic Doctrine, Spiritual Formation, and Church History

SALARY: \$48,000-\$50,000 (negotiable)

REPORTS TO: Pastor

FULL TIME OR PART TIME: Full time

POSITION SUMMARY: The coordinator of youth ministry (CYM) provides vision and coordination for the parish's efforts in ministry to young people from 6th through 12th grades. This includes high school and middle school sessions (weekly catechesis, monthly activities, and sacramental preparation (confirmation)).

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: (other duties may be assigned)

Parish staff member—the CYM will be responsible to:

- Attend regular staff meetings
- Participate in staff planning
- Communicate to staff about youth ministry activities
- Be a resource person to parish staff on issues related to youth and youth ministry
- Serve as the liaison with the pastor, parish staff and the parish council

Parish Youth Ministry: the parish youth ministry program integrates adolescent catechesis into a comprehensive ministry for young people of the parish.

The CYM's responsibilities include:

- Planning, implementing, and evaluating an evangelistic, orthodox, and engaging youth ministry program that places our teens in relationship with Christ in the Sacraments ("The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but also in

communion and intimacy, with Jesus Christ, GDC #80).

- Serving on the Youth Ministry Commission, which is an oversight group providing vision, direction, support, and advocacy for the parish ministry with youth
- Coordinating the recruitment, training, supporting, and evaluating of volunteers in the youth ministry program
- Developing a systematic and intentional plan for adolescent catechesis that utilizes a creative variety of formats, settings, and timeframes
- Providing resources (print, video, web, diocesan events) for effective programming
- Providing appropriate training for the adults and young people in leadership positions
- Coordinating the confirmation program
- Fostering the involvement of young people in the life of the parish, including serving on various parish committees and being involved in parish activities
- Coordinating the outreach to and evangelization of all young people in the parish
- Providing appropriate services and programs for parents of adolescents
- Advocating for a comprehensive vision of youth ministry, based on the 1997 USCCB document, *Renewing The Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*
- Serving as the liaison with the diocesan office of youth ministry and their programs, services and resources