



Director of Diocesan and Cathedral Liturgical Music

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Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral Toledo, Ohio

The Diocese of Toledo is seeking a talented and faith-filled musician and leader to serve as Director of Diocesan and Cathedral Liturgical Music. This position provides leadership for sacred music in the Diocese of Toledo while overseeing the music ministry of Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, the mother church of the diocese.

This position offers a unique opportunity to enhance the liturgical music life of both the Cathedral parish and the broader diocesan community while supporting the Church's rich tradition of sacred music and fostering the full, conscious, and active participation of the faithful in the liturgy.

About the Diocese of Toledo

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo serves the Catholic faithful across 19 counties in northwest Ohio. Led by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, the Diocese includes more than 120 parishes, numerous Catholic schools, and a wide range of ministries dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel, celebrating the sacraments, and serving the people of God. Sacred liturgy—and the music that supports it—plays a central role in the life of the Diocese.

About the Cathedral

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo serves as the mother church of the Diocese of Toledo and the site of major diocesan liturgies. The Cathedral parish maintains a vibrant music program centered on the Church's sacred music tradition that supports the liturgical life of the parish and diocesan celebrations.

The Cathedral also hosts concerts and cultural events that enrich the artistic and spiritual life of the community.





Position Overview

The Director of Diocesan and Cathedral Liturgical Music promotes musical excellence in the liturgical life of the Diocese of Toledo and serves as principal music director for the Cathedral parish.

In collaboration with the Bishop, the Office of Divine Worship, clergy, and parish staff, the Director provides musical leadership for diocesan liturgical celebrations while modeling exemplary sacred music for the parishes of the diocese through the Cathedral's liturgical life.

The Director is responsible for suggesting, planning, and directing music for major diocesan liturgies, directing the Diocesan and Cathedral Choirs, serving as principal organist, coordinating instrumentalists and cantors, and providing consultation and formation to parish musicians throughout the diocese.

This position also oversees the Cathedral Concert Series and serves as a resource to pastors and parish music ministers in matters related to sacred music.

The Director reports to the Director of the Office of Divine Worship for diocesan responsibilities and the Rector of the Cathedral for parish responsibilities.





Primary Responsibilities

Key responsibilities include:

Diocesan Responsibilities

- Collaborate with the Bishop and the Office of Divine Worship in suggesting and planning music for major diocesan liturgies including the Chrism Mass, ordinations, and other diocesan celebrations, including, at times, the incorporation of Spanish hymnody and Psalmody.
- Direct the Diocesan Choir for major diocesan liturgies, including rehearsals and liturgical preparation.
- Serve as a resource to pastors and parish music ministers regarding liturgical music norms and best practices.
- Provide consultation to parishes regarding sacred music programs and the purchase or maintenance of musical instruments.
- Foster formation opportunities for parish musicians through workshops, training, and other initiatives.
- Serve as liaison with professional music organizations and communicate relevant information to parish musicians across the diocese.

Cathedral Responsibilities

- Serve as principal organist of the Cathedral.
- Direct the Cathedral Choir, including rehearsals and liturgical preparation.
- Plan and oversee music for Cathedral liturgies in consultation with the Rector.
- Recruit, schedule, and supervise cantors, choir members, and instrumentalists.
- Maintain the Cathedral music library.
- Assist couples and families in selecting appropriate music for weddings and funerals.
- Serve as Administrator and Artistic Director of the Cathedral Concert Series.





Qualifications

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Qualified candidates should demonstrate strong liturgical musicianship, leadership, and a commitment to the sacred liturgy of the Catholic Church.

Education

- Bachelor's degree in Music, Sacred Music, Organ Performance, Choral Conducting, or a related field required. Master's degree strongly preferred.

Experience

- Five to ten years of progressively responsible experience in Catholic liturgical music ministry, preferably in a cathedral or large parish setting.
- Demonstrated experience directing choirs, cantors, and instrumental ensembles.
- Strong organ performance skills and experience accompanying congregational singing and choral repertoire.
- Knowledge of the liturgy of the Catholic Church and its sacred music tradition.
- Experience planning music for major liturgical celebrations.

Additional Qualifications

- Practicing Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church who supports the mission and teachings of the Catholic faith.
- Strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills.
- Ability to collaborate effectively with clergy, staff, and volunteers.
- Familiarity with Catholic liturgical documents related to sacred music.
- Experience with concert programming or sacred music performance initiatives preferred.

Work Schedule

The schedule for this position reflects the rhythm of the Church's liturgical life and requires flexibility, including regular evenings and weekends, as well as extended hours during major liturgical seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Holy Week, and for major diocesan liturgies and celebrations.



Application Process

Qualified candidates are invited to submit the following materials:

- Cover letter expressing interest in the position
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- List of professional references
- Salary expectations
- Recordings or links demonstrating organ performance and/or choral conducting

Application materials may be submitted electronically to:

humanresources@toledodiocese.org

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.



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