

# Youth Minister / Religious Education Director

## General Description

Under the direct supervision of the Pastor, the Youth Minister / Religious Education Director is responsible for all aspects of ensuring the Catholic spiritual growth and development of our students. As Religious Education Director, with a team of experienced volunteers, this person will oversee and guide the religious education program including ministry planning; program/curriculum selection and development; volunteer recruitment, training and communication; sacramental preparation; parent communication and partnership; student safety; special event planning; and parish outreaches. As youth Minister he or she will develop and execute a program for students in 6th - 12th grades that includes leadership development, social and service activities, and prayer and worship experiences.

## About the Catholic Community of Meadville

We are three partnered parishes (St. Agatha, St. Brigid, and St. Mary) in the process of forming one combined new parish. The youth here are ready for the ministerial attention they deserve and respond to it. Meadville is a town of about 13,000 people.

## Our values

- A passionate love of the Catholic Faith coming into our lives through Scripture, and Tradition in the Church.
- A personal encounter with God in Christ
- A church where everyone is welcomed to journey with us in Christ-likeness
- Making sacrifices to reach the lost
- Equipping people to grow in Christ
- A community of authentic relationships
- Excellence that honors God and inspires people

## A successful candidate will be

- A person of prayer
- Able to work in a fast-paced environment that is constantly changing
- A leader and team player
- Active on social media
- Passionate for reaching the lost and mentoring those that he/she leads
- A hard worker
- A strategic thinker
- Relevant to today's culture
- Gifted with multi-tasking
- Quick to help others develop their ministry gifts
- Committed to growing and learning

## **Qualifications**

Education: Bachelor's degree or relevant practical experience required.

Experience: At least 2-5 years directing and leading others required. Church staff participation and/or leading or developing youth ministry preferred.

Faith/Support: Requirements include saving faith in Jesus Christ, being filled with the Holy Spirit, and commitment to Christ Church's vision and values.

## **The Religious Ed Director/Youth Minister will:**

- Love and hand on the Catholic Faith taught by the Church's authentic magisterium.
- Lead the vision, mission, culture, and values of the Religious Education and Youth Ministry Program.
- Develop leaders who will, in turn, develop new leaders and the students.
- Ensure all students have access to quality small group experiences where life- change can happen. The goal is for every student to be connected relationally with a spiritual leader.
- Provide events/activities for students to connect, grow, and serve within the context of their Student Ministry.
- Create environments where every student has a place to connect and grow, regardless of their past and spiritual background.
- Integrate students into the larger church (attending Mass, receiving the appropriate sacraments, and participating in service projects).

**To apply** send resume and two references to Fr. Jeff Lucas at [jeffrey.lucas@catholic-meadville.org](mailto:jeffrey.lucas@catholic-meadville.org)