

Canon to the Dean and Canon for Formation

Goals

To assist the Dean in visioning and carrying out vibrant ministry, developing leaders, and catalyzing vital formation in a 4,000-member Cathedral parish. There will be a special emphasis on developing expanded and varied opportunities for adults. The goal will mature faith and increased engagement for disciples of all ages. Strong teaching and preaching gifts will be enlisted regularly, as will gifts in articulating fresh approaches in ministry. As Canon to the Dean/Associate Dean, the Canon will support the Dean when he is present and act in his place when he is not, becoming familiar with the Dean's vision and possessing a working knowledge of parish ministry issues.

Responsibilities

- Provide vision for a Cathedral life that is vital, adaptive, and founded firmly on sound theological convictions. Oversee classes, Bible studies, and other learning opportunities to help parishioners grow and become mature disciples of Christ.
- Conceive and create resources for formation and discipleship of immediate value to the Cathedral parish but useful also to the wider church, working closely also with the Canon for Parish Life.
- Help leadership development events of local, diocesan, and regional scope that help leaders understand the wider culture and make mature disciples.
- Work with the staff leaders of Children's Ministries and Youth Ministries to bring intergenerational cohesion to all offerings, and with the Christian Formation Committee to provide long-term vision and practical support to all formation offerings.
- Be a resource to the Dean in long-range visioning for other areas of the parish's life and mission.
- Perform normal priestly duties related to sacraments, preaching, teaching, and pastoral visits.
- Provide input to the Dean for annual reviews of ministry staff and assist in setting annual ministry reviews for all ministry areas. Assist in supervising other clergy and staff.

Qualifications

- Contagious love of God and heartfelt love of people
- Four-year college degree and M.Div.
- A minimum of five years of parish experience with emphasis on Christian Formation or parish leadership
- Verifiable history of leading and developing Christian Formation programs for a range of age groups

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