

FULL-TIME ORGANIST & ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Eagle Street & Madison Avenue | Albany, New York

Position available
August 2019

*Help us continue
to build an
exemplary
program of
sacred music.*



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information,
please see the
enclosed Prospectus.

PROSPECTUS FOR CATHEDRAL ORGANIST AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

1. The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, New York, is seeking a full-time Cathedral Organist and Associate Director of Music ("Associate").
2. Duties include provision of service music and organ literature for liturgies, choral accompaniment, some choral singing, special events, and recitals. Attendance at choral rehearsals will be announced and required; participation as a chorister, in unaccompanied repertoire, is expected. The Associate would share administrative duties with the Director of Music, as well as conducting and rehearsal responsibilities as needed. The Associate would be expected to assist diligently in maintaining a safe environment for everyone involved in the Cathedral's music program. Coverage of liturgies will be shared between the Director and the Associate. A full job description will be given to finalists.
3. Applicants should be organists of extensive experience and training. Audition repertoire should demonstrate virtuosic facility, a mastery of diverse styles of literature, and sophisticated musicianship. Comfort with liturgically appropriate improvisation is required, and the competitive candidate will possess exemplary improvisation skills. The Associate will be tasked, in particular, with the development and implementation of a Diocesan Organist Training Program; thus, the competitive candidate will have demonstrated success in applied teaching, as well as the robust energy to recruit and maintain a small organ studio. The successful candidate will be comfortable working in an intergenerational environment, with choristers ranging from Grades K-12 and adults. Composition skills are also a plus. Specific details on the audition process will be given to finalists.
4. This position works collaboratively with, yet reporting to, the Director of Music to implement a program of liturgical music in accord with sound Catholic doctrine on sacred liturgy and music. Specifically, the music program at the Cathedral is based on substantial choral and organ repertoire, English and Gregorian chant, and some hymnody. In addition, the Cathedral's music program is heavily geared towards the formation of young musicians. The Associate will be called upon to participate in formational programming related to liturgy and music, and thus should give clear personal witness to the Catholic nature and mission of the music program.
5. The Associate should be a practicing Catholic in good standing; possess and demonstrate clear knowledge of sound Catholic doctrine on sacred liturgy and music; and comply with Diocesan Codes of Conduct. Passing a background screening and completion of the Diocesan Safe Environment requirements are necessary for this position.
6. To learn more about the Cathedral's music program, please visit www.cathedralic.com.
7. The position is available August 1, 2019 and should ideally be filled by the start of the Fall Choir Term.
8. This position offers a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits in accord with Diocesan Human Resources policies. Financial support for continuing education is available.
9. Please send a cover letter, résumé or CV, and at least three professional references to the Director of Music:

Dr. Brian F. Gurley
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
125 Eagle Street
Albany, NY 12202

N.B. Supplemental information and recordings are welcome, but are entirely optional.

10. Please send all materials in hard copy format. At this time, please do not make inquiries via e-mail or phone. The application window closes on July 22nd, and all applicants will be contacted by July 26th.