



The Cathedral
Church of **Saint John**
the Divine

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Job Description
Canon for Community Engagement

Mission

The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine was founded in 1892, a time of unprecedented immigration that transformed the life of New York. The Charter calls it, “a house of prayer... for the use of all people who may resort thereto” but especially Christians living in the Diocese of New York. It was also founded to be “an instrument of Church Unity and a center of intellectual light leading in the spirit of Jesus Christ.” Almost 130 years later, the Cathedral strives to be faithful to the vision that created it.

Overview

The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine seeks a priest to join the Dean and Chapter in their overall ministry with a focus on serving as the Canon for Community Engagement.

The Canon for Community Engagement will lead the Cathedral in expanding its boundaries, in identifying and embracing the people and organizations who want to be a part of our life today and who want to play a role in deciding and creating our future.

The Canon for Community Engagement understands that creating a sense of belonging is essential to creating a community. Belongingness doesn't end with presence. It means ownership. We want to move people from referring to the Cathedral as “the Cathedral” to referring to it as “my Cathedral.”

As a member of the Cathedral clergy staff, the Canon for Community Engagement meets weekly with the Chapter, reports to the Dean, and presides and preaches at Cathedral liturgies on both weekdays and Sundays. The Canon for Community Engagement also shares in the other pastoral duties of the Chapter.

Responsibilities

The Canon for Community Engagement will:

- Establish relationships between community organizations and the Cathedral to further the mission of the Cathedral
- Define and develop new pathways for Cathedral engagement
- Strengthen connections with the “spiritual but not religious” community
- Work with the Dean and Chapter on social justice and outreach ministries
- Develop and maintain positive relationships with churches in the Diocese of New York



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- Organize retired clergy of the diocese to serve as assisting priests at the Cathedral
- Assume clergy-generalist responsibilities such as preaching and presiding at worship services, weddings, funerals, and pastoral care.

Requirements

- The Cathedral's Canon for Community Engagement will be a contagious Christian, fully committed to "the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them."
- The Canon will be fully committed to playing an enthusiastic and energetic role in the life of the Cathedral, both on the Cathedral Close and in building and revitalizing connections with the Cathedral community.
- The Canon will understand that every interaction with a member of our community is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to build a connection between that person and the Cathedral.
- The Canon will have extensive knowledge of theology, the Bible, and Episcopal worship methodology.
- The Canon will embrace the liturgical style and theological ethos of the Cathedral, in public events and in more personal pastoral encounters.
- The Canon will be a black-belt communicator—an excellent speaker and writer, using these skills to influence and inspire and engage.
- The Canon will handle numerous projects and deadlines simultaneously with discretion, in a fast-paced environment and a flexibility and ability to work with a diverse staff and staff from other institutions.
- The Canon will be open to feedback and acts with integrity even when it is inconvenient.
- The Canon will balance his or her own needs with the needs of others; respectful of views that are different.
- The Canon practices understanding and compassion.
- The Canon will attend to the quality of her or his own spiritual life through retreats, days of refreshment, spiritual direction, and other appropriate means.
- The Canon will model concern and care for the needs of the world.

Education and Experience

- Post-graduate degree from seminary
- Candidates ordained in the Episcopal Church and covering the full spectrum of experience are welcome to apply. Our ideal candidate will have community building experience and will be eager to share ideas about how the Cathedral can regenerate those vital connections.



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Position Type and Expected Hours of Work

The Canon for Community Engagement is a full-time position. A five-day workweek will be set, based both on needs driven by the community engagement work and liturgical schedules.

Travel

Minimal travel is required

Equal Employment Opportunity

The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Beyond that, we are a lower-case church. That means that we treat each other with kindness and respect and celebrate individual strengths, views and experiences.

Compensation

\$74,000 + housing

To apply:

Applications should include a cover letter, résumé, and OTM Portfolio and be sent to Dean Patrick Malloy at pmalloy@stjohndivine.org with a copy to the Canon for Transition Ministry at nsmith@diocesenyc.org.