

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST

POSITION OPEN: September 17, 2021

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City OK is seeking applications for a new Director of Music and Cathedral Organist.

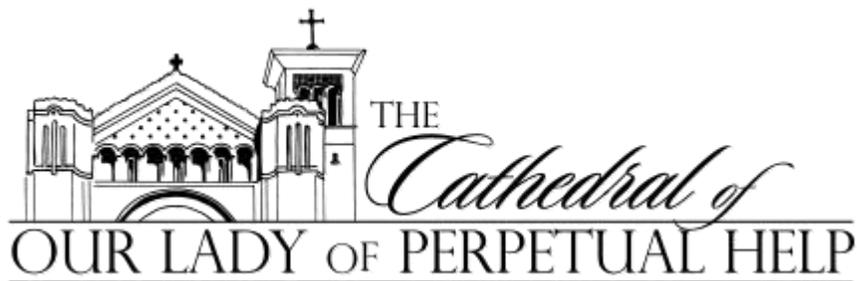
The Cathedral serves as the Mother Church for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, OK. The parish is around 900 families and serves a diverse congregation. The community has a reputation among the Archdiocese for high quality and beautiful liturgical music. There are three English Masses on the weekend and one Vietnamese Mass (which has a separate Director and Choir). The Cathedral is also home to Bishop John Carroll Cathedral School which has 235 students. For more information regarding the parish please visit our website at www.cathedralokc.org. The Archbishop, Rector and parishioners have a great respect and support for high quality liturgical music and celebrations.

The Director of Music and Organist will direct and rehearse the Cathedral Choir, which currently has 15 members, 7 paid singers and 8 volunteers. We seek to grow these numbers which were reduced by the pandemic and because of extensive renovations underway for the previous year. The multi-million-dollar renovation resulted in a beautiful Church which will be 100 years old in 2023. We also seek to establish a Children's liturgical choir. The current Cathedral choir has a wide repertoire ranging from Latin plainchant and polyphony to large Anthems by artists such as Vaughn Williams, Shubert, Parry, Tallis, Byrd and Palestrina just to name a few.

The Director and Organist is responsible for playing for and planning the music for the weekend Masses, weekly School Masses, Holy Days and Special feast days, such as Confirmation and First Holy Communion, weddings, and funerals. They are also responsible for helping to plan and playing for Archdiocesan Masses such as the Chrism Mass, Rite of Election, Ordinations to the Diaconate and Priesthood, and other special Masses scheduled by the Archbishop. On some occasions there may be singers from other parish choirs that join with the Cathedral choir, which would require special rehearsals.

The Cathedral has a four manual 37 rank Zimmer and Sons Pipe organ located in the gallery loft of the Cathedral. The small Chapel of All Saints has a 2 manual 5 rank Zimmer and Sons pipe organ. On special occasions the organ and choir are augmented with other instruments such as brass, tympani, or strings and these musicians are hired from the greater Metropolitan area.

The Director and Organist would help couples choose appropriate music for weddings and they would help the Rector in selecting appropriate music for Funerals and Memorial services. The Cathedral has been blessed over the years with many wonderful organists and directors, with a wide range of organ repertoire from Bach to Widor. They are expected to work closely with the Rector in planning and executing beautiful liturgical celebrations and are considered a part of the pastoral staff.



Salary and Benefits

The Cathedral offers a competitive salary that would be commensurate with experience. A comprehensive benefits package with health and dental insurance, retirement plan and paid vacation and sick leave is available. Professional development opportunities are available and encouraged.

Qualifications

A bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited university in music, choral or organ performance. 5 years experience as a Church organist or director

Must complete and background check and maintain the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Safe Environment training which is required of all employees.

Interested Candidates should submit a cover letter with resume, three references and links/recordings of past performances to:

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