



CANTERBURY SCHOOL

Resident Chaplain Position Description

Founded in 1915 and guided by a Catholic heritage, Canterbury School is a college preparatory, coeducational boarding high school located in northwestern Connecticut, approximately one hour northeast of New York City. Canterbury has long embraced the position of Resident Chaplain in acknowledgement of the invaluable role the Chaplain plays in the spiritual, ethical, personal and intellectual growth of Canterbury students. This is reflected in the final words of our mission: "...inspires [students] to become moral leaders in a complex, secular world."

The Chaplain at Canterbury School will report directly to a member of the senior leadership team and serve on the Spiritual Life Committee of the Board of Trustees. As a full-time faculty member, the Chaplain is expected to reside in on-campus housing when school is in session. It is a priority to fill this position with someone who understands our unique heritage as a school founded by lay Catholics in 1915 and still guided by this commitment to service and spirituality, and who will embrace this past, present and future foundation as a differentiator among peer boarding schools.

The Chaplain will play a critical leadership role in the spiritual life of a school community of 325 high school students, two thirds of whom are boarders and 15% are international students. A majority of Canterbury students identify as Catholic, and the School embraces all faiths and the shared commitment to service and justice.

The Chaplain's primary responsibilities will include, but will not be limited to, the following:

- Celebrate Mass for the community on Sundays and on Holy Days while the School is in session.
- Along with other school leaders, provide guidance to the entire community of students, faculty, and staff in regard to the School's Mission and Five Values.
- Model empathy for adolescents, their concerns, challenges, spiritual struggles and questions. Evince a willingness and ability to integrate with the total life of the School.
- Participate in parent, alumni and other School events to be mutually agreed upon (e.g., Board of Trustee meetings, Family Weekend) based on need and availability.

The Chaplain will work closely with the Spiritual Life team including the Director of the D'Amour Center for Faith, Service & Justice, the Director of Campus Ministry, the Director of Liturgical Music, and the Theology Department, to:

- Facilitate and plan for special religious events, retreats, and the Confirmation program.
- Coordinate with Canterbury's Sacristans on a weekly basis to help promote Catholic leadership and the School's Five Values. Participate in the selection of student Sacristans, who are chosen in the spring for the following year.
- Inform, inspire, and help lead the spiritual direction of the School. Some portion of the Chaplain's time on campus will be devoted to pastoral ministry and spiritual direction. He will assist students in their journey and search for clarity regarding values, meaning, and service.

Lastly, if interested and deemed qualified, the Chaplain may have an opportunity to teach and/or coach.

Housing will be provided and competitive insurance and retirement benefits are available. Salary is based on the individual's education and experience. There is generous vacation time built into each school year around Thanksgiving, Christmas, spring break (March) and summer (mid-June through mid-August). In addition, meals are available when school is in session.

Interested candidates should submit a résumé, letter of interest, and 2-3 letters of recommendation to Pete Cotier, Associate Head of School, 101 Aspetuck Ave. New Milford, CT 06776 or emailed to pcotier@cbury.org.

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