

Chaplain

Sisters of Charity, Caritas Residence, Halifax, N.S.

Organizational Overview

An international organization of women religious, the mission of the Sisters of Charity is to give joyful witness to love, especially to those most in need. Some members of the Sisters of Charity reside at Caritas Residence, a retirement community overlooking the beautiful Bedford Basin in Halifax, N.S. Caritas Residence provides a comfortable and peaceful retirement community within a picturesque, park-like setting on the grounds near the former Sisters of Charity Motherhouse and adjacent to Mount Saint Vincent University campus. Caritas Residence is a managed facility and provides independent, assisted living, and long term care to other religious women, and lay men and women.

Role Overview

Accountable to the Sisters of Charity Retirement Centre Coordinator and the Sisters they serve the ideal candidate will fulfill the responsibilities as Chaplain to the Sisters of Charity, Caritas Residence.

The Chaplain position requires a person who possesses a holistic approach to health and wellness with a special focus on spiritual care and the elderly. Good communication and interpersonal skills are essential and it is necessary to have an understanding of the Catholic Faith Tradition. This unique individual is collaborative, flexible, and compassionate. As part of the Coordinator's team they will contribute to promoting spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental wellness for approximately 50 Sisters, many of whom are accomplished community leaders in healthcare, education and social justice, and many continue to be active in various levels of ministry.

This is a part-time position, approximately 20 hours/week. Schedule to be determined. You will work in transition with the current Chaplain.

Summary Duties

The main goal of this role is to be a contributing member of the Coordinator's team in fulfilling the needs and wellness of the Sisters residing at Caritas Residence. Duties may include and are not limited to the following:

- Provides spiritual and emotional care for the Sisters both formally and informally.
- Work with Coordinator and the Care Team in addressing the needs of the sisters and identifying sisters who might desire/need some individual pastoral support.

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- Work with the Liturgy Committee ensuring that Masses are offered on Sundays and other Holy Days of obligation.
- Play a leading role in other Liturgical services, i.e.) Community Prayer Service and Funeral Services.

Education

- A Master's Degree in Divinity or related degree.
- Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).
- Membership in the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care (CASC) would be an asset.

Skills

- A passionate interest in working with and caring for people.
- Desire to be with those who are aging.
- An empathetic listener.
- Flexibility.

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility

We foster and value a diverse organization that reflects, responds to, and embraces the diversity of the communities we serve. We have a strong commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility, and encourage applications from all qualified candidates that may contribute to the diversification of our organization. Candidates are encouraged to voluntarily self-identify in their application.

Salary

- Salary commensurate with experience, range: \$25,000 - \$29,000, based on 20 hours/week.
- Benefits include 4% vacation pay & sick leave.

Application

- The deadline to apply is June 16, 2023. **Please apply with both a resume and cover letter detailing qualifications to email address: communityadmin@schalifax.ca with the subject line Chaplain.**
- Please, no phone calls and only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Thank you for your interest in the Sisters of Charity, Caritas Residence.