

Description of Employment

Most Blessed Sacrament of the Baton Rouge Catholic Diocese seeks a creative and engaging Middle School Religion Teacher for the 2023-2024 academic year to work with 6th-8th grade students. The Middle School Religion Teacher will educate, evangelize, and catechize our middle school students, following the mission of the Catholic Church and Most Blessed Sacrament School.

Employment Timeframe

Daily: The teaching position lasts beyond the 8-3 school days and requires teachers to complete paperwork, answer emails, and maintain student records when not in the classroom. Teachers are required to report to work on a regular and punctual basis.

Annual: This position is a contracted position, August 1-July 31.

General Duties

- Teach religion courses to 6th-8th grade students with a focus on helping students develop a strong understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholicism.
- Provide engaging and effective instruction that is student-centered, meets students where they are, and incorporates a variety of instructional methods.
- Uses the Baton Rouge Diocesan Learning Standards to create weekly lesson plans with clear learning objectives and differentiated instruction.
- Collaborates with Assistant Principal to ensure measurements of learning are in the form of traditional and alterative assessments, homework, classwork, and participation.
- Evaluate student learning through a variety of assessments, including formative assessments, to be in tune with students' progress and communicate that progress to administrators, students, and families.
- Maintain accurate and complete records of student progress and development, share with students, and record them into parent portal in a timely manner.
- Ensure classroom management and procedures are in align with the School Mission, Student Handbook, and Discipline Procedures.
- Collaborate with other Middle School faculty to develop cross-curricular connections.
- Attend Mass weekly with the student body and model Mass etiquette and participation.
- Model the tenants of the Catholic faith in words, deeds, and actions.
- Attend scheduled faculty/division/department meetings.
- Participate in professional development, including MAT (Ministry & Theology) Program.
- Partner with Guidance Counselor and Principal on any areas of concern with regards to academic, discipline, and/or emotional needs of the student. Maintain confidentiality on the learning plan associated with these discussions.
- Maintain requirements for teaching certification.
- Participate in extracurricular activities such as student social activities, sporting activities, clubs and organizations.
- Perform additional faculty duties, including, but not limited to, supervising students during carpool, lunch, recess, and other activities as they arise during the school year such as Pelican Games & Fun Run.

Religion Department Duties

- Collaborate with Coordinator of Christian Formation to plan and implement grade-level retreats, service projects, and liturgical events such as Living Stations of the Cross and weekly liturgies.
- Works with principal and Coordinator of Christian Formation to build the faith community, giving evidence of the Gospel values by personal example and by being an active member of our faith community.



Educational Requirements & Experience

- A Bachelor's Degree in Theology and/or willingness to become certified in Ministry & Theology courses 1&2 through the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Department of Evangelization & Catechesis.
- Certification in grades 6-8 is required.
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check with Louisiana State Police and complete all Child Protection requirements.
- Ability to discuss different morality & religious topics in a developmentally appropriate manner.
- Appreciation for and understanding of Middle School-aged students and an ability to develop positive relationships with students.
- Excellent classroom management skills that promote a positive classroom environment.
- Familiarity with technology or ability and desire to learn about technology for lesson design, lesson implementation, and recording student grades.
- Familiarity with using Chromebooks and Google Classroom in the classroom setting is a plus.
- An ability to communicate clearly and with appropriate empathy to students, parents, and colleagues.
- Collaborative spirit when working with colleagues within the same department across grade levels and within the same grade level across departments.
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to multi-task

Our School Mission

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School serves our Church, its families, and the community by nurturing Gospel values, academic excellence, and a lifetime of prayer and service.

Our Philosophy

- We believe the purpose of Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is to pass on the faith and heritage of Catholic tradition, promoting Gospel values throughout our educational environment.
- We strive to strengthen partnerships with our parents, the primary teachers of faith and values, as we work develop the whole child spiritually, morally, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically.
- We continually seek out a faculty called to the teaching ministry, who share a mutual responsibility for creating an environment that promotes spiritual and academic excellence for all our students.
- We strive to center our school community in worship, prayer, Catholic doctrine, service projects, and current educational pedagogy to equip our students to become mature, Catholic Christian young men and women and leaders for tomorrow's world.
- We seek to teach as Jesus did, in both word and example, nurturing the unique gifts of each member of our school community as members of the Body of Christ, living Sacraments to the world.

Submission Information

Most Blessed Sacrament will offer a competitive salary and Diocesan benefits for this position. Digital applications are preferred and welcome here or can be emailed to <u>CGioe@mbsbr.org</u>. Please include an <u>employment application</u>, cover letter, resume, and copy of transcripts. Application materials can also be sent to Attn: Cheri Gioe, Most Blessed Sacrament, 8033 Baringer Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70817.

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