



# MISSION & MINISTRY

## Pastoral Music Graduate Assistant and Accompanist Position

[The Office for Mission and Ministry](#) seeks a pianist/organist who will accompany the [Pastoral Musicians](#), Villanova University's vocal and instrumental sacred music ensemble.

Candidates must be accepted graduate students. Musicians from any or no religious background are encouraged to apply. Strong piano skills and proficiency in music reading will be demonstrated through an audition, and scores will be sent to the candidate in advance of an in-person or virtual audition.

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### Areas of Responsibility

- In rehearsal: serve as an assistant musical director; accompany the choir and instrumentalists at the piano; offer constructive feedback; distribute sheet music and manage music library. Rehearsals are held Tuesday/Thursday 5:30-7pm. Support student musical leaders.
- In performance: accompany student musicians at piano (or organ, if applicable); conduct pieces (if applicable); assist in concert management. Concerts and university-wide masses are scheduled with advance notice; Sunday mass times are 5, 7 and 9pm.
- Administrative tasks: prepare repertoire lists; prepare/arrange scores; assist with copyright compliance; generate copy for printed worship aids and concert programs, participate in editing process; create rehearsal and performance materials as needed; assist in scheduling student groups; reserve concert and rehearsal locations; assist in communication with campus partners.

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### Expectations and Compensation

- Provide 300 hours of musical and administrative support in exchange for full tuition remission and stipend. Ideally, the candidate will begin no later than Wednesday, August 14, 2024. Peak periods for the 24-25 Academic Year include August 18-25, 2024 and May 9-16, 2025. There is a higher attendance expectation during these times, (about 30-35 hours for each period), with other weeks during the semester averaging about 15 hours per week.
- Participate in weekly supervision meetings with the Associate Director for Liturgical Music and mid-semester evaluation.
- This position is awarded for one year only. Continuing to a second year is contingent upon ongoing departmental approval of the position, the mid-semester performance evaluation and recipient's good academic standing.

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### To Apply

- Send an email with resume and a brief introductory statement to [sean.mcelwee@villanova.edu](mailto:sean.mcelwee@villanova.edu), along with general availability to schedule an interview/audition, via Zoom or in person. Applications will be accepted immediately and until the position is filled.

**The Villanova Pastoral Musicians** are comprised of about 60 undergraduate and graduate student musicians representing many areas of campus life, working together in inclusive community. Inspired by the life of Saint Augustine, the Musicians serve an important role in the life of the University community, engaging the restless search for meaning by offering congregational and special music in the sacred liturgy each Sunday, as well as in concerts, on and off campus. Through these efforts, the Musicians seek to inspire meditation on the beauty and mystery of God.

As musicians engaging the Catholic Tradition in the spirit of Saint Augustine, we commit ourselves to using the gift of music as a form of ministry to ourselves and our community. Using a justice-informed approach to procuring and presenting repertoire, we regularly seek opportunities to patronize composers from marginalized communities and appropriately program their music within our liturgies and concerts.