

2013 Organ Scholar Position at Holy Rosary Cathedral

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. To serve as Organ Scholar for 12 months commencing September 1, 2013. The scholarship shall be awarded (or renewed) annually, by audition, at the discretion of the Director of Music and Organist. The title of Organ Scholar shall not be held by the same person for more than 3 years.
2. To accompany the Gallery Choir at weekly Wednesday evening (7-30 to 9-30 p.m.) and Sunday morning (10-00 a.m. to 12-15 p.m.) rehearsals and performances.
3. To study organ with the Organist (weekly, half an hour) and prepare service music for the Mass and organ voluntaries for performance at either or both Sunday Masses (9-00 a.m. and 11-00 a.m.). Preparation for an RCCO Certificate or Diploma may be an outcome of these studies, depending on the ability and commitment of the candidate. (It is often recommended that the Organ Scholar receive a longer lesson than one 1/2 hour per week, in which case the Scholar pays for the remaining time at the rate of \$45/hour.)
4. To substitute for the Organist in her absence at Masses, to a maximum of 12 per year, all dates to be negotiated between the Director of Music and the Organ Scholar. No remuneration outside of the scholarship will be offered for these services.
5. To arrange regular practice times at the Cathedral, for which a weekly sign-up sheet is provided. A minimum of 7 hours per week is recommended. It is the Organ Scholar's responsibility to check for any scheduling conflicts caused by church activities. (These will be noted on the sign-up sheet.)
6. To occasionally play for weddings and funerals at the discretion of the Organist. Such services are individually and separately remunerated.

Expectations:

If, for any reason, the Organ Scholar is unable to complete the terms of the scholarship, it is expected that he/she will give the Organist reasonable notice of his/her intention to terminate studies. Similarly, if, for any reason, the Cathedral is unable to fulfill its obligation to the Organ Scholar, a representative of the Cathedral shall provide the candidate with 30 days notice of the intention to terminate the scholarship.

The Organ Scholar shall make every effort to attend regular services and rehearsals. On any occasion when the Organ Scholar cannot be in attendance, two weeks' notice is requested. **The scholarship may be adjusted if the Organ Scholar is not able to attend services and/or rehearsals on a regular basis.**

It is assumed that, during the three years, the Organ Scholar will not accept outside offers for Sunday church work without first consulting the Director of Music.

Benefits:

1. A scholarship of \$1200 for 12 months of study (paid in bi-monthly installments of \$200) shall be granted to the successful applicant. **Scholarship amounts may be adjusted upwards or downwards depending on the candidate's ability to fulfill or exceed their duties.**
2. Weekly instruction (1/2 hour/wk) in organ will be provided by the Organist at no charge to the Organ Scholar.
3. The Organ Scholar will be given the opportunity for regular practice on the McGuigan Casavant organ at the Cathedral.
4. The Organ Scholar will have access to the musical resources and references of the Cathedral music library.
5. The Organ Scholar will receive advice and instruction on the development of service playing abilities, choral accompanying, and working with the Cathedral staff, for the encouragement and enhancement of skills necessary to the position of church musician.
6. The Organ Scholar is normally provided with a set of keys to the building for which he/she accepts full responsibility.