



## *Religious Studies Teacher*

**Description:** Within the curricular program at Nazareth Prep, our goal is to innovate through personalized learning, engage students through community partnerships and the Corporate Work Study Program and inspire them through active learning and inquiry to develop empowered leaders prepared for life and work. The Religious Studies teacher will be a part of a team that will aim to develop engaged and knowledgeable citizens, prepared to address complex life questions using literary, historical, cultural, and social scientific evidence through writing, discussion, use of technology, and community engagement. We are seeking individuals who are innovative and creative.

Under the direction of the Executive Director and Head of School, the Religious Studies teacher is responsible for supporting the mission of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and to catechize youth in a Catholic School environment. The Religious Studies teacher:

- Recognizes and supports the unique Catholic Mission of the school by speaking, acting, and instructing consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church; a teacher may not espouse any doctrine inconsistent with the teachings of the Church.
- Gives evidence of lived Gospel values by being an active member of a faith community and being open to the importance of personal faith journey; strives to model the teaching of Jesus by attitude and example.
- Helps to build the school's faith community by a demonstrated willingness to participate in and plan school religious and service activities.
- Demonstrates effective planning skills by preparing lessons designed to implement stated goals and objectives and by incorporating school and diocesan curriculum objectives in lesson plans.
- Demonstrates competence in teaching by demonstrating current, thorough knowledge of curriculum and subject matter and is able to communicate effectively with students; be able to organize classroom learning and materials to maximize student time on tasks as well as motivate student learning.

- Develops and uses effective methods of evaluation that are directly related to curriculum objectives and to concepts and skills taught; consistently and effectively evaluates student progress.
- Establishes a consistent disciplinary approach which promotes self-direction and positive self-image; sets high standards for student behavior and manager inappropriate behavior effectively.
- Maintains a functional and pleasant learning environment
- Cooperates with school administration; workss effectively with all staff members to promote positive relationships with students and parents.
- At all times demonstrate professional responsibility in enforcing school policies and regulations.
- Maintains confidentiality of information, displays sound judgment in dress and general behavior.

***Minimum Qualifications:***

Bachelor's degree in religion or spiritual studies and 2-3 years of teaching experience are preferred. Candidate may have a bachelor's in education with 2-3 years in Catholic education. Desirable candidates will have a demonstrated enthusiasm for working with and teaching adolescents, a strong sense of school community and teamwork, excellent oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills, and knowledge of educational technologies. The preferred candidate is flexible in both routine and unexpected situations within a school modeling innovation and iterative thinking to its students. A working knowledge of and a strong commitment to the mission of fostering lay leadership in the Catholic Church. Must be a practicing Roman Catholic in full communion with the Church. Faculty members must support the goals of Catholic education and the mission of Nazareth Prep. All candidates must have current Act 33, 34 and education FBI clearances. Nazareth Prep is a religious organization which operates to promote the teachings, beliefs and values of the Catholic Church, and therefore, their employment practices will take into consideration the provision of 42 U.S.C. Section 2000e-1(a) of Title VII and the ministerial exemption applicable to religious organizations. EOE