

St. Ignatius Fellowship

In the summer of 2016, St. Ignatius Catholic Church initiated the St. Ignatius Fellowship. By sponsoring a young adult who recently completed a year of service, the parish hopes to highlight their unique gifts and invest in the next generation of leaders in the Catholic Church.

Developing Leadership through Experiential Learning

St. Ignatius parish offers a unique experience of leadership at a Jesuit parish. The full-time position is comprised of two parts:

- 1) The St. Ignatius Fellow spends 20 hours/week serving in an area of their professional interest that coincides with the parish's Jesuit mission (i.e. **social justice, ecological sustainability, advocacy**, catechesis, liturgy, the Spiritual Exercises, etc.). Over the course of the Fellowship, the Fellow either develops a new parish-based initiative or enhances an existing ministry within this area.
- 2) The St. Ignatius Fellow spends the remaining 20 hours/week in a particular area where the parish is in need of young adult leadership. The 2018 Fellow will focus on *communication and community life with an emphasis on hospitality* and collaborate with other pastoral staff on initiatives such as the High School Confirmation Team.

Fostering Spiritual and Professional Development

St. Ignatius parish commits to fostering the spiritual and professional development of the Fellow, and will provide the following:

- Ongoing formation in Ignatian spirituality
- Opportunities to network with leaders of local and regional Jesuit institutions
- Weekly supervision with a pastoral staff member (based on area of professional interest)
- Support to attend local trainings in areas relevant to the Fellow's professional interest

Duration

The Fellowship begins on or before August 15, 2018, and ends August 15, 2020. It may be extended or renewed. On or before May 15th the Fellow and St. Ignatius parish mutually discern if the Fellowship will end on August 15th, 2020, or if it will be renewed.

Eligibility and Application Process

To apply for the St. Ignatius fellowship, applicants must have engaged in a year of service within the past two years. Applicants submit a resume, three professional references, and a cover letter that identifies the area(s) of their professional interest and briefly articulates a potential initiative or ministry where they envision serving. Applicants are encouraged to identify the strengths they bring to a Jesuit parish (i.e. community organizing, language skills, public speaking, gardening, grant writing, social media, theological reflection, etc.) and consider how they would like to share these gifts with the Church and greater community.

Compensation As a member of the pastoral staff, the Fellow receives a salary based on Archdiocesan standards, full healthcare coverage, and 5 retreat days per year.