



## **An Open Position for the Church of the Guardian Angels, Chaska:**

### **Preschool Teacher Aide**

Do you really enjoy helping to form young children in faith and the love of Jesus in a preschool setting? Would you enjoy helping our youngest children develop social skills, independence, and confidence through hands-on learning experiences?

The Church of the Guardian Angels is seeking a caring and dependable Preschool Aide to support the day-to-day classroom operations in a warm, faith-filled, and developmentally appropriate environment. The Preschool Aide will work under the direction of the Lead and Assistant Teachers to help foster a safe, engaging, and nurturing space for our youngest learners.

This position supports the Catholic mission of The Church of the Guardian Angels and reports directly to Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor.

### **Compensation**

Our pay and benefits will be competitive with other Catholic preschools in the archdiocese. As a part-time position, the pay range for this position is \$17.00 - \$19.00 per hour.

We will offer a benefits that are available for all of our part-time employees, plus a tuition discount of 50% for children and 25% for grandchildren.

There will be opportunities for professional growth and involvement in the parish and preschool community.

### **Key Responsibilities**

#### **Classroom Support**

- Assist with classroom routines, including arrival, snack time, playtime, restroom breaks, and dismissal.
- Support teachers in maintaining a clean, safe, and organized classroom environment.
- Help set up and clean up materials for learning activities and faith-based celebrations.
- Supervise and interact positively with children during both structured activities and free play.

#### **Faith & Mission Integration**

- Model kindness, respect, and values consistent with the Catholic faith.

- Support the implementation of daily prayer and faith-centered activities as directed by classroom teachers.

### **Team Collaboration**

- Follow directions from the Lead and Assistant Teachers and support all classroom plans and expectations.
- Communicate respectfully and effectively with coworkers, students, and families.
- Participate in professional development and training as required.

### **Health, Safety, and Licensing**

- Adhere to all MN DHS licensing rules for aides in child care centers.
- Maintain proper child supervision and safety standards at all times.
- Support sanitization procedures and emergency response protocols as directed.

## **Qualifications**

### **Required**

- Must be at least 16 years of age to qualify as an Aide under MN DHS Rule 9503.0034.
- Must have or be willing to complete all required MN DHS training, including:
  - Supervising for safety
  - Child growth and development
  - Pediatric First Aid and CPR (if age 18+)
- Ability to follow guidance from teaching staff and maintain a positive attitude.

### **Preferred**

- Previous experience working with young children in a school, parish, or child care setting.
- Interest in or willingness to learn about Catholic teachings and early childhood education.
- Practicing Catholic preferred, or openness to working in a Catholic environment.

## **Application Instructions**

Please send a brief letter of interest and résumé to Father Tony VanderLoop via email at: [frtonyvanderloop@gachaska.org](mailto:frtonyvanderloop@gachaska.org). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.