I. Introduction

St Mary Student Parish, located in Ann Arbor, MI, and staffed by priests of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), serves the faculty, staff and students of the University of Michigan. This parish, which hosts an average of 2,300 people at six Sunday masses (one in Spanish), offers spiritual formation programs for undergrads, grads and young professionals, such as retreats, faith-sharing groups, an internship program for more intensive formation, and service programs for social justice. The parish also offers traditional programs such as RCIA, Confirmation, and First Communion. The parish has been in a period of growth in numbers and quality of programs and is now ready for a new phase of growth in worship and music as well as Ignatian/Jesuit identity.

II. Summary responsibilities

This campus minister works with undergraduates, graduate students and young professionals (Millennials) to help them encounter Christ and grow in faith in the Ignatian tradition of reflection, prayer, discernment and action, and to reach out to peers not now attending mass or practicing their Catholic faith in the context of a large, public university.

III. Specific Responsibilities

A. Undergraduate Formation and Outreach:

- Supervise Ig.nite, the Thursday-evening student-led mass, dinner and brief presentation on a spiritual/religious topic;
- Stimulate undergrad outreach to the campus, including to Greek life, athletics, and the humanities;
- Supervise and support an undergrad intern and full-time year-of-service undergrad-alum (campus ministry associate) to plan, organize and run social activities in and outside the parish;
- Encourage participation in retreats, penance and healing services, Adoration, etc., including among undergraduate catechists for CCD and confirmation; and
Support the 9pm Sunday mass as a focal point for undergraduate worship.

B. Graduate Students and Young Professionals (Grad/YPs) Formation and Outreach:

- Plan and supervise monthly Soul Food (aka Theology on Tap) evenings;
- Encourage participation in Small Church (faith-sharing) Communities, retreats, programs on Ignatian prayer and reflection, etc.;
- Create opportunities for outreach to grads and young professionals not now attending mass;
- Continue to discuss with the Grad/YPs their desires for their spiritual growth and find ways to help meet those needs; and
- Support the Sunday noon and 5pm masses with special emphasis on the participation of grads and young professionals.

IV. Qualifications:

1. A practicing Catholic committed to/open to the Ignatian tradition of reflection, prayer, discernment, and service. Preference will be given to alums of Jesuit institutions or those with Ignatian training/experience.
2. An outgoing, engaging personality that will attract young people (Millennials).
3. An ability to work in a parish of well-educated university-oriented parishioners of all ages as a team member under the pastor.
4. A minimum of a bachelor’s degree (BA with a major in theology) with great preference for a master’s degree in theology (MA, MDiv).
5. Working non-traditional hours, in particular weeknights and weekends, is a requirement.
6. Though preference will be given to candidates who have three to five years of experience in a comparable position, recent graduates from bachelors and masters programs will be considered.

V. Next steps

Interested candidates should send a current CV and cover letter to Ms Lanette Mele, lmele@umich.edu, or at 331 Thompson Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 before March 14, 2016.