



## OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

# JR. HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER

**Focus: Science/Math**  
**OLGC Parish School**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School (OLGC) located in Plymouth, MI is committed to the New Evangelization. Our vision is “To offer every person in our community a life-changing encounter with Jesus.” We are called to foster holiness and serve as a center of evangelization and discipleship for students, families, and faculty.

God is doing something new at OLGC Parish School in order to accomplish a bold mission: we exist to offer a life-changing encounter with Jesus and equip leaders to transform the culture. We are now joyfully recruiting a new teacher to join our school family.

The successful candidates will be passionate about OLGC’s vision and thrive in a team environment. They will be enthusiastic leaders, with an expressed joy in the Lord whose servant’s heart is demonstrated as a lived faith in all endeavors within the OLGC school and parish. They will have a strong personal relationship with Jesus and deep love for His Church. Our new teacher will join our family being willing to do whatever it takes for God to accomplish His mission.

You can teach at any school, but at OLGC Parish School, God is molding our staff into a beautiful body of people so that His mission can be accomplished. We are fighting for the souls of the students, parents, and community we serve. It is our passionate desire to see every single person entrusted in our care spend eternity in Heaven.

We are asking each member of our team to prayerfully discern the following:

1. I believe in the mission and vision of the Archbishop to **renew** and **reinvent** our Catholic schools and **radically overhaul** our schools.
2. My relationship with God, *Father, Son and Holy Spirit*, is the defining center of my life.
3. I see myself as a missionary or I am willing to become one.
4. I will do whatever it takes to build a cohesive team, culture of prayer, and regularly evangelize and disciple each other.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

All teachers in the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit shall be certified and/or approved for teaching by the Department of Education for the State of Michigan. All teachers are required to hold the appropriate endorsement for the subject(s) they are assigned to teach. All teachers who are catechist (teachers of religion) must be certified by the Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools.

## **MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES**

### **Instructional Strategies**

- Develop and implement a coherent curriculum plan using the Next Generation Science Standards.
- Design and implement lesson plans that integrate Gospel values into the core curriculum.
- Implement the *Encounter, Grow, Witness* model to teach religion standards, including sharing the Kerygma, using Kerygma 4 Kids.
- Apply differentiated instruction and assessment that improves achievement for all learners in a learner-centered and collaborative environment.
- Plan and use appropriate instructional and learning strategies, activities, materials, and equipment that reflect understanding of the learning styles and needs of students assigned.
- Work with other members of staff to determine instructional goals, objectives, and methods of instruction.
- Implement research-based practices including hands-on labs, project-based learning, small group teaching, and differentiated instruction and assessment.
- Consistently create a high level of active student engagement and student-led learning.
- Use technology to strengthen the teaching/learning process including iPads, CleverTouch boards and online instructional platforms, such as IXL or Freckle.

### **Student Growth and Development**

- Conduct ongoing assessment of student achievement through formal and informal teaching and assessment.
- Use NWEA MAP and STAR 360 testing data to target individual learning targets for students.
- Empower students as leaders through *The Leader in Me* process.
- Support students to set and monitor personal and academic goals.

### **Classroom Management**

- Create a classroom environment conducive to learning and appropriate for the physical, social, spiritual, and emotional development of students.
- Manage student behavior in accordance with the Code of Conduct, using a positive and proactive management system.
- Create an environment of respect and rapport, rooted in faith.
- Create a classroom mission statement aligned to our school mission, conduct regular class meetings, and teach the 7 Habits during school-wide leadership time and integrate throughout the school day.

### **Communication**

- Establish and maintain a professional relationship and open communication with parents, students, principals, colleagues, and community members. This is essential to form a true Christian community.
- Support parents as the primary catechists and educators for their children through relational ministry, resources, and tools.
- Use effective communication skills to present information accurately and clearly.

## **Professional Growth and Development**

- Collaborate with your assigned mentor teacher and other colleagues, in addition to following the New Teacher Guide to learn about school protocols.
- Commit to continual improvement professionally and spiritually by participating in and seeking professional development opportunities to improve job-related skills and explore your faith journey.
- Obtain an Advanced Catechist Certification in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

## **Other**

- Participate in faculty, student, and parent offerings of Praise and Worship, morning Mass, prayer, and Adoration.
- Strive to advance the Archdiocese of Detroit's pastoral strategy as articulated in the Archbishop's pastoral letter, *Unleash the Gospel*, and recent new vision for Catholic Schools.
- Attend staff meetings and serve on staff committees as required.
- Compile, maintain, and file all reports, records, and other documents required.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

## **ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Serve as a member of the staff *Leader in Me* Lighthouse Team, School Improvement Team, and/or Action Teams
- Attend spiritual growth offerings including Alpha, Called and Gifted, and 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

## **TO APPLY**

Qualified candidates should submit:

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- Statement of Faith
- Listing of References

Send to:                    employment@olgcp parish.net  
Subject Line:            Teacher Position (attachments in PDF format only).