

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS

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Director of Homiletics Institute

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JOB DESCRIPTION

The University of Dallas, in Irving, Texas, seeks applicants to serve as the founding Director of the Homiletics Institute. This is a full-time, administrative position. Appointment to the university faculty is a possibility, but only for a finalist with the requisite experience and academic achievement.

The Director of the Homiletics Institute will be an entrepreneurial and inspiring leader with genuine zeal to foster excellence in preaching. The director will exercise principal responsibility in shaping and leading a newly established homiletics Institute dedicated to promoting inspiring, faithful, and well-crafted preaching within the Roman Catholic Church. The initial focus of the Institute will be on improving the preaching of ordained priests, and will eventually expand its mission to include deacons and seminarians. The goal of the Institute is to be a resource for improving the preaching of Catholic priests, deacons and seminarians throughout the United States.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop effective and inspiring programming dedicated to promoting excellence in preaching
- Keep current in the developments in the field of homiletics by seeking out best practices, reading current literature, fostering relationships with Catholics and Protestants working in the field, talking with colleagues, participating in relevant Catholic and Protestant professional or industry associations, and attending conferences dedicated to improve preaching
- Engage members of the university and broader communities to garner support for the Institute
- Work closely with the diocesan office and priests and deacons of the diocese of Dallas and, eventually, seminarians in Dallas and other dioceses to shape programs that will improve their preaching
- Develop and oversee the operating budget for the homiletics Institute.
- Provide periodic updates on the progress and growth of the Institute to its advisory board
- Manage and supervise any full-time or part-time employees hired by the Institute
- Collaborate with the appropriate departments within the university to market, fundraise for, communicate and enhance the activities of the Institute

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Earned master's degree, or extensive experience as a practitioner, in divinity, homiletics, scripture, or a related field
- Administrative skills including program development, working with outside constituencies, and donor relations are essential for the position
- A creative, entrepreneurial spirit combined with practical wisdom

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

- Demonstrated leadership in the promotion of preaching at the national level
- Terminal degree in field
- Record of publications and other deliverables in the field of homiletics

WHO WE ARE

The University of Dallas is a Catholic university that seeks to educate the whole person, encouraging its students to pursue wisdom, truth and virtue as the proper and primary ends of education (<http://www.udallas.edu/about/mission.php>). All administrators are expected to understand and support the mission.

APPLICATION

Candidates should submit a letter of interest clearly listing qualifications for the position and a curriculum vita detailing all academic and professional experience (references will be requested from candidates invited for an interview) electronically.

All applications should be submitted online at: <https://hr.udallas.edu/apply/>

BENEFITS

UD provides competitive pay and benefits, including eligibility to participate in medical, dental, life and disability insurance; employee events; a health and wellness program; a free fitness center; competitive leave programs; free tuition for employees and their families; and matching retirement plan contributions.

The University of Dallas seeks to recruit, develop, and retain faculty, staff and administration of the highest caliber.

The University is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and encourages applications from female and minority candidates and others who will enhance our community and advance our Mission.