



Cabrini Mission Corps – Open Ministry Position

Cabrini Mission Corps missionaries are women and men responding to the church's universal call to holiness through service to others. In the spirit of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, missionaries strive to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters throughout the world, especially those who are poor and marginalized. Missionaries collaborate with the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to bring the love and mercy of Jesus into every situation in which they minister and in so doing, promote gospel values.

Opening: **PASTORAL CARE ASSISTANT**

Location: Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, New York, NY (www.cabrini-eldercare.org)

Start Date: Every August

Ministry Term: 1 Year (renewable)

Position Description:

Work actively with the Pastoral Care Staff to meet the religious and spiritual needs of an elderly population that is religiously and ethnically diverse. Deliver spiritual comfort, support and consolation to residents and their families. Assist with planning and implementation of religious services (daily Mass, weekly Rosary, weekly Protestant service, weekly Jewish service, monthly Chinese Buddhist service, monthly Chinese Christian service) as well as celebration of the significant holy days/holidays of these faith traditions. Bring Communion to bed-bound residents. One-to-one pastoral outreach to residents, listening, encouraging them to share their stories, affirming them and praying with them. Help in transporting residents to and from services. Record-keeping of pastoral care activities.

Requirements:

Outgoing personality, able to relate easily and compassionately to others. Sensitivity to the needs of frail elderly persons and an openness to the wisdom they have to share. Strong verbal and written communication skills. Self-knowledge and the ability to articulate one's own experience and feelings. Growing faith and prayer life. Physical stamina. Ability to work as part of a team.

About Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation:

CCNR is a six-story, skilled nursing home in the East Village area of lower Manhattan that takes care of the physical, social, psychological, and recreational needs of 240 frail aged persons, regardless of race, religion, ethnic background or financial need. Services offered by CCNR include a specialized Alzheimer unit, a rehabilitation unit, adult daycare and immigrant services. Since 1992, CCNR has been a ministry of the Cabrini Sisters, in affiliation with Cabrini Medical Center.

Qualifications/Education:

College degree or related life experience. Familiarity with Post-Vatican II theology through coursework or parish involvement. Fluency in Spanish, Cantonese or Chinese dialects is a plus. Musical talent, creativity and computer literacy are assets.

Experience:

Experience in parish ministry, campus ministry or being a caregiver is helpful.

Benefits:

Healthcare coverage, small living allowance, room and board, transportation to and from ministry site, community living, and assistance with student loan deferment. Spiritual growth and support includes a 2-week orientation plus on-site comprehensive orientation and work-related training, two yearly retreats and a concluding debriefing retreat.

About Cabrini Mission Corps:

Cabrini Mission Corps is a lay mission program sponsored by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, commonly known as the Cabrini Sisters. CMC was founded to offer lay people the opportunity to serve for one to two years in the United States or overseas. CMC missionaries make a difference while ministering in education, health care, child care, pastoral ministry, and social services, while living simply in a support community, usually with Cabrini sisters and sometimes with other missionaries.

To Apply:

Contact the Cabrini Mission Corps office at cmcorps@aol.com. Please reference the ministry opening you are interested in. You can also visit us on the web at www.cabrini-missioncorps.org.