

## **Upper School Episcopal Chaplain & Religion Teacher August 2024 (10-month position)**

**St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School (SSSAS) in Alexandria, VA** seeks an Episcopal Chaplain and Religion Teacher who wants to make a real difference in our upper school community. Are you passionate about supporting and journeying with young people as they explore the deep questions of life? Are you excited about the thought of engaging students in discussion and learning? Do you relish creativity and shared leadership in weekly liturgy? Are you longing for a broader and more inclusive context for ministry than the often siloed world of the parish? Would you like to be part of a supportive and amazing faculty in a joyful and welcoming environment? If so, please read on! Serving on a four-person chaplaincy team, the Upper School Chaplain will join our Senior Chaplain in our upper school division (grades 9-12). This position entails:

- Teaching a combination of scripture, ethics, and elective religion classes;
- Working closely with our student vestry, school musicians, and student speakers on weekly worship and other special services;
- Providing pastoral care to students and faculty; and
- Offering various faith formation and interfaith learning opportunities.

The chaplain is a member of both the chaplaincy team and the Religion Department, and reports to both the Senior Chaplain and the Religion Department Chair. Chaplains on each division partner closely and work collaboratively with other faculty, student leadership, their divisional administrative team, our Director of Institutional Equity and Diversity, our Director of Service Learning and Community Engagement, our mental health counselors, and our wellness team.

Candidates should highly value teaching and collaboration as a part of their ministry. We prefer an ordained Episcopal priest (or someone who is in the process towards Episcopal ordination), but we will also consider a candidate with experience in school chaplaincy or other intensive formation ministry experience. Candidates should be committed to equity and inclusion, and to our school's mission to honor the unique value of each of our members as a child of God, as the Chaplain will work with students, families, and colleagues with diverse backgrounds and identities.

### **About St. Stephens & St. Agnes School**

St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School is an affirming and collegial community committed to our mission to "pursue goodness as well as knowledge and to honor the unique value of each of our members as a child of God in a caring community." SSSAS is an age 3 to Grade 12 Episcopal day school located six miles from Washington, D.C., in beautiful and historic Alexandria, Va. We believe that educating the whole child by tending to their individual academic, social/emotional, cultural, and physical needs, prepares them to be knowledgeable, kind, and empathetic citizens in a complex world. Combining a rigorous academic program with outstanding opportunities in the arts, athletics, and service learning for our students, SSSAS is a community that values

diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, and we seek candidates who share these same values.

Our culture promotes lifelong learning, and employees have a wealth of opportunities available to them to continue expanding their knowledge of both their disciplines and in their field of education. Cultural competency workshops for all faculty and staff, regular, small-group DEIB exploration/workshops, support for graduate studies, summer study grants, and conferences (e.g., People of Color Conference, the National Association of Episcopal Schools Biennial Conference, and Diocesan clergy gatherings) are just a few of the ways in which we support and encourage our Saints faculty and staff to continue to develop and learn in their field and as part of our community.

Interested applicants should apply through the SSSAS website at <https://www.sssas.org/about-us/employment>

For more information about St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School, we invite you to visit our website at [www.sssas.org](http://www.sssas.org)