

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES – DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD**

### **Mental Health Ministry Coordinator Part-Time**

Catholic Charities Counseling Department is seeking a mental health professional (MS, MA, MSW) to implement mental health ministries in Catholic parishes. The ministry involves developing teams of mental health ministers who will compassionately encounter persons who struggle with mental illness and their families. The teams are formed to accompany individuals and families to a deeper participation in the parish community and engagement in the professional care they may need to live more fully. This is a new position supported by a grant from the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers. The position may grow to become full-time as the work proceeds.

The ideal candidate will

- Be a Catholic in good standing, living, practicing and sharing their faith
- Have a Master's degree in counseling, social work, psychology, or related field
- Become certified to provide Mental Health First Aid<sup>®</sup> training
- Establish, build and maintain relationships with wide range of people
- Have a passion, energy and commitment to achieve the ministry's aims
- Listen to the concerns and needs of all engaged in this effort in carrying out the mission of the Catholic Church in this position
- Possess exceptional written and verbal communication skills
- Possess exceptional organization and time-management skills
- Travel to various offices and parishes in the diocese
- Participate in program evaluation and improvement activities
- Develop a database of mental health and substance abuse treatment resources in the communities where the ministries operate
- Be familiar with technology to develop marketing and educational materials
- Be available for consultation, support and training for Pastors and the parish teams
- Participate in activities to fund this program on an ongoing basis

Interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter to Richard Parsons at [RParsons@RockfordDiocese.org](mailto:RParsons@RockfordDiocese.org)