

## ***Fellowship Residency Program***

*A Pilot Fellowship Residency Program will seek to attract talented, faith-filled leaders and teachers to the Diocese of Bridgeport. This program will include a spiritual advisor, a program coordinator and dedicated mentor teachers. These fellows will live in community and study together as part of a university collaboration. They will make a significant impact on the lives of the children they serve.*



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The Fellowship Residency Program recruits talented, faith-filled beginning teachers to the Diocese of Bridgeport and is created to form a core group of young teachers rooted in faith that will serve the Diocese of Bridgeport. We seek talented recent graduates from colleges and universities that will represent a variety of undergraduate disciplines. The two-year program focuses on professional development, community and spiritual growth.

In a partnership with a local university, our fellows will receive a stipend to complete a Master's Degree in Education while teaching in one of our urban school campuses. Fellows will live in community in affordable housing provided by the Diocese. Participants contribute to the subsidized rent, utilities, and the cost of running a household through their living expense stipend. The Community house is assigned to a spiritual director to help guide their faith development and a program coordinator who will recruit candidates and act as liaison to both the Diocese and the partner university.

As a fellow, a participant receives:

- a Master's Degree in Education funded to at least 80%
- subsidized affordable housing
- educational and spiritual support as they balance life, college, and teaching
- a modest stipend for living expenses
- an extraordinary teaching experience

The school receives:

- talented, faith-filled educators with a passion for learning and service
- energetic educators willing to be active in the life of the school