Dear Chapter Members,

As we begin 2011, we all naturally look back at 2010. For me it has been a year of many changes – some happy, some sad: twin grandbabies, change in pastors, addition of an associate pastor, loss of a very dear friend and choir member, becoming the director of this chapter!…just to name some of the most significant. I know many of you have also experienced many changes in the past year. As we begin a new year, we can reasonably expect more changes for us in our personal and professional life. I remember many years ago a wise homilist said: “Anything that is alive changes.”

Speaking of changes, the NPM Detroit website (npmdetroit.org) had a “facelift” recently. We hope you enjoy the new look and find it more helpful for you in your ministry. Check out pictures from past events and information on events that are planned. Hopefully, there is something being offered that is of interest to you. Another nice change is that membership and registration for events can now be done online!

One thing that has not changed is your local chapter is here to serve you. If there is something that you think we could offer to help you in your ministry, please let us know.

In this new year may you experience God’s abundant blessings as you continue in your ministry to your faith community.

God bless!

Mary Roesch

Director NPM Detroit

www.npmdetroit.org
2011 Event Schedule

Sunday, February 27
Musicians’ Retreat with Fr. Joe Dailey
3:00-8:00 pm
St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Detroit

Friday, March 4
Chew & Chat with Lee Gwozdz
12 noon-3:00 pm
Singing ‘Fun’damentals - Techniques for Working with Children
Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit

Thursday, May 12
Spring Plenum: “Improvisation” with Mark Hayes
12 noon-2:30 pm
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth

Sunday, September 25
Fall Plenum: “Sing a New (or Revised) Mass Setting”
3:00 pm
St. Regis, Birmingham

Saturday, November 12
St. Cecilia Sing with clinician Alan Hommerding

GREETINGS TO ALL PASTORAL MUSICIANS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT!

Each Sunday in churches throughout the metropolitan area, we have the selfless and amazing capacity to inspire and lead assemblies of the faithful in liturgical song.

Our local NPM Chapter is dedicated to providing opportunities for learning, sharpening our skills, deepening faith, and most important, to get to know one another and support one another in ministry. Please take a look at what we have to offer this coming year and mark your calendars for these events. Invite fellow liturgical ministers, especially the clergy, who might enjoy attending one or more events.

The past few years have been a time of transition within our local church...a new archbishop; changing parish pastors; musicians moving into new positions; a struggling economy forcing difficult decisions. Please keep those who minister and work together in our church in your prayers. Let us come together as disciples to strengthen and grow in the ministry of music and to encourage others as Christ does for us.
Event Report

St. Cecilia Sing
Sunday, November 14, 2010
Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit

Choirs from across the archdiocese came together to sing and play their favorite pieces and to join together in hymns and prayer. After the performances, the musicians and audience participated in a memorial for all the deceased pastoral musicians who left us this year.

Cantor Workshop
Saturday, October 9, 2010
Holy Family Parish, Novi

Clinician Melanie Coddington provided cantors with theological as well as practical knowledge of their ministry. The historical meaning and background of the psalm texts were discussed, resources for further study were presented, and expert vocal techniques and warm-ups were taught.

NPM Detroit’s newly redesigned website is now up-and-running!
We invite you to visit npmdetroit.org to learn more about our chapter and for more information on past and future NPM Detroit events.
Lee Gwozdz has put together a video and kit that helps us teach singing to all children. **Singing FUNdamentals** begins with a vocal checkup to identify and enable every child's voice, then moves to working with all the different types of voices, including the uncertain singer. The vocal pyramid of posture, breath, sound, embouchure, and diction is a major point of interest and discussion.

The **Toy Box** is a treasure trove of toys that really help children develop singing skills and musicality! These products, along with Lee’s other materials will be on display and available for sale (Cash or Check only!) at a 15% discount for chat and chew attendees.

**Fee: Members of NPM-Detroit - $25 Non-Members - $40**

- Registration begins: 11:30 AM
- Lunch Buffet (Vegetarian friendly): 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
- Chat with Lee Gwozdz: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Register online at www.NPMdetroit.org or fill out the attached registration form and mail to:

Chat and Chew! Detroit Chapter-NPM, P.O. Box 11301, Detroit, MI 48211

Name: ___________________________________ Parish: ______________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

City________________________________State______________Zip_______________________

Phone: _______________________ Email: ___________________________________________

For questions, contact Melissa Duso, programming coordinator (810) 364-4100 ext 6 melissa_duso@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011!
Come and be inspired by Fr. Joe Dailey, Pastor of Christ the Redeemer Parish, Lake Orion — as well as a musician and recording artist in his own right. Fr. Dailey’s subject will be “Change and Transition” which makes perfect sense during this time of uncertainty in the Roman Catholic Church, American Society, and even our own personal lives. This afternoon retreat is designed to help all of us rest and recharge our spiritual batteries for the challenges of Lent, The Triduum, Easter, and beyond. Dinner is included.

Registration begins: 2:30 PM
Retreat: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM “Change and Transition”
Meal: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Evening Vespers and Commissioning of Ministers: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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Register online at www.npmdetroit.org or fill out the attached registration form and mail to:

Retreat, Detroit Chapter-NPM, P.O. Box 11301, Detroit, MI 48211

Name: ___________________________________ Parish: _______________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________________
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Phone: _______________________ Email: _________________________________________

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21!
JOIN US!

To join the NPM Detroit local chapter or update your membership, please contact Andy Langlands at 586-899-1039 or andy.langlands@stregis.org.

NPM-DETROIT WEBSITE

http://www.npmdetroit.org

Please visit our state-of-the-art website for more information regarding the chapter and programs.

ABOUT NPM: NATIONAL AND LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the national organization and the local chapter are separate. NPM-Detroit and NPM both offer individual and parish memberships. Local chapter membership includes peer support and discounts to all chapter-sponsored events. Members receive group discounts to the annual national convention if one holds membership to both the national and local organizations.

Holding joint membership is strongly recommended.