Chapter News

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Mission Statement

To deepen the spiritual life of each pastoral musician, encourage social interaction among pastoral musicians, provide an educational forum on current issues affecting musical practices in the parish, both for the musician and the clergy, and improve the musical skills of all those involved in music ministry.

From the Director >>

Dear Chapter Members,

The first order of business as the new chapter director is to say many “Thank You’s”.

The first Thank you is to Annette Wright. She has been on the Detroit Chapter Board since its initiation in 2003 and has been the Chapter Director since 2004. Her leadership has been instrumental in the growth and development of our chapter. Annette, may you be richly blessed for your good and faithful service to the musicians of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The other members of the Chapter Board also deserve our gratitude. They have worked collaboratively with Annette each serving diligently in their role. I am looking forward to working with them.

It has been a very exciting year for our local chapter. Hosting the National Convention was a huge undertaking. The number of volunteers that helped to make the convention a success is phenomenal. A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way from registration & hospitality to singing in the choir and every job in between. Every volunteer should feel very proud of the part they played in making this a wonderful convention. You helped to show Detroit and the local church in a very positive way. Many who attended the convention from other places commented on the helpful, friendly volunteers and welcoming atmosphere.

The next huge Thank you is to the Core Committee for the convention. It is their dedication, knowledge, commitment and leadership that was at the heart of the convention’s success.

Lastly, I want to say thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chapter Director. I am humbled and a bit overwhelmed at the prospect, but the other board members have been very supportive and have made me feel very welcome.

I want to conclude by inviting everyone to examine the opportunities for enrichment that are listed in this newsletter. I hope everyone gives some prayerful consideration to taking advantage of the wide variety of events.

God bless!

Mary Roesch

Director NPM Detroit

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2010-2011 Event Schedule

Saturday, October 9, 2010
8:30 am-2:00 pm

Cantor Workshop with Melanie Coddington
Holy Family Parish, Novi

Sunday, November 14, 2010
3:00-4:30 pm

St. Cecilia Sing
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Detroit

Sunday, February 27, 2011
3:00-8:00 pm

Musicians’ Retreat
St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Detroit

Friday, March 4, 2011

Lunch with Lee Gwodz

Friday, May 13, 2011

Spring Plenum

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 each other 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.

Archdiocese of Detroit Happenings

Sunday, September 12 will be the annual Evening Prayer Gathering at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. This is a time for us to gather, pray for one another, and enjoy fellowship. Along with the usual festivities, we will get a sneak preview of Christine Chun’s repertoire for the Cesar Frank Organ Competition in the Netherlands. Christine is one of ten finalists for this event. This is a great honor for all of us. She begins the three-round competition a week later, so we get to hear a thirty-minute portion of her materials. Afterward, we will have the opportunity to wish her well at the fellowship under the tent. All music ministers from choir members to music directors are welcome. The evening begins at 5 p.m. with prayer.

We would like to celebrate those that have been in ministry for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, etc. years.

Please let us know if you will be attending by emailing Louis Canter at canter.louis@aod.org
All cantors, beginners or experienced, are invited to attend the workshop at
Holy Family Parish
24505 Meadowbrook Rd.
Novi, MI 48375-2845
Near I-96 and Novi Road

Melanie Coddington uses her experience as a parish music director and voice instructor in her workshops for cantors. She is a faculty member of the national NPM Cantor Express, a program she developed with Jim Hansen, with whom she frequently collaborates for events on the principles of interactive liturgy. The editor for the NPM Publication _The Liturgical Singer_, she also served as a major contributor to _Cantor Basics, Revised Edition_, published by Oregon Catholic Press.

**Clinician:**
Melanie Coddington

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**NPM Detroit Cantor Workshop**

Saturday, October 9, 2010
9:00 am-2:00 pm
Registration begins at 8:30 am

Make checks payable to: Detroit Chapter-NPM
P.O. Box 11301
Detroit, MI 48211
Attn: Cantors

Questions? Contact Melissa Duso at 810-300-4418 or melissa_duso@yahoo.com

Detach this form and mail your registration and check to the above address. **Registration Deadline is September 25!**

Cantor Workshop

Name: ____________________________ Parish: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________________ Email: _____________________________
Chapter Member $20 _____ Non-Member $35______ (payment must be in advance)

*Please one form per person. Make copies as needed.*
Detroit-area parish choirs are invited to participate in a choir festival at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Each year, parishes, schools, dioceses, NPM chapters, and other worshiping communities come together to raise their voices in song in a national festival of sacred music. Everyone is invited to participate in this special event, which is sponsored by the NPM Standing Committee for Choir Directors.

The memorial of Saint Cecilia (patron saint of music) on November 22 is an excellent opportunity to gather musicians together for an event of sacred song in conjunction with other choirs and musicians throughout the United States and beyond.

This year NPM-Detroit will participate in the St. Cecilia Sing by sponsoring a choral festival with communal song and prayer on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Each participating parish choir is invited to present a maximum of two selections, with a total performance time of no more than eight minutes. Choirs should arrive at the Cathedral by 2:30 pm for final instructions and general warm-ups.

Sunday, November 14, 2010

3:00-4:30pm

Make checks payable to: Detroit Chapter-NPM
P.O. Box 11301

$25 registration fee Detroit, MI 48211
Attn: St. Cecilia

Register Early—Participation is limited to ten choirs!

Questions? Contact Melissa Duso at 810-300-4418 or melissa_duso@yahoo.com

Detach this form and mail your registration and check to the address above. Registration Deadline is October 31!

St. Cecilia Sing

Director’s Name: ________________________________________ Parish: ________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________

Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________ Number of singers: _______

Choral Piece(s) 1. ____________________________________________ (Title and composer)

2. ____________________________________________ (Title and composer)

Accompanist: ___________________________________________ NPM-Detroit will contact directors for any additional information.

(Registration fee of $25 must accompany form)
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

NPM Detroit's website is under construction.

This will soon be corrected so that visitors to the site will be provided with more information.

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.