



NPM Cincinnati Chapter Fall Newsletter

Chapter Director's Message

Fall Greetings to all of you. Enclosed with this newsletter is an invitation to take part in the NPM Cincinnati Choir Festival. Because of the positive response to last year's Children's Choir Festival held during the Christmas season, we are hosting our adult festival at this time of year. I look forward to seeing and hearing many of your choirs there. Also, fall is when we traditionally hold our NPM Cincinnati Dinner Party. Members will be receiving invitations soon to this fun and elegant evening when we just socialize with our friends and colleagues in music ministry. If you are not yet a member, please join us and become one today! Yearly dues of only \$10 for individuals or \$25 for parish help our chapter support and foster the art of musical liturgy in Cincinnati. For more information, visit our website at www.npmcincinnati.org. As always, if there is any way I can be of help, contact me at bbisig@npmcincinnati.org or at 513-563-6377 x301.

Organ Recital Benefits Hurricane Victims

On September 10, our chapter presented a benefit organ recital for parish music ministries along the Gulf of Mexico devastated by the hurricanes of 2005. Chapter organists Don Auberger, Javier Clavere, Michael Dailey and Matthew Phelps performed a wonderful recital of varied organ works on the organ at St. Boniface Church. The recital raised \$400 for the NPM Hurricane Assistance Fund. Thank you to the performers, the audience, and especially to Don Auberger for organizing this event.

Make Connections Online

For those of you who regularly use email, there are some helpful email lists you can join to be better connected to what's going on in the Church. Be aware of what's going on in the local church of Cincinnati by singing up for the Archdiocesan Epistle. This is a weekly email update of news, links, features and information you won't find all in one location anyplace else. Subscribe at www.catholiccincinnati.org. NPM members at the national level receive occasional Pastoral Music E-notes with news and happenings around the country and the world, and a new weekly feature called Sunday's Word with a short reflection on the upcoming Sunday gospel. This reflection is written by an NPM member especially for pastoral musicians and sent to your inbox. If you are not a national member, sign up today at www.npm.org. Your national membership also helps our local chapter receive additional rebate funds.

What Helps You to Sing?

NPM is conducting an online survey to determine which factors most help people to sing the liturgy. Take two minutes to complete this survey yourself at www.npm.org, and pass the word and the link on to members of your parish.

Chaplain's Corner
By Rev. Geoff Drew

P.R. – An Old Necessity in our Age...

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Church of Cincinnati**

Undoubtedly all would agree that P.R., public relations, is a necessity in today's society. But here locally, in the Church of Cincinnati, there is a new P.R. on our horizon – pastoral regions!

For the next few newsletters, I would like to share with you some thoughts and reflections on the pastoral regions for our archdiocese (which for the most part have been drawn up and approved by Archbishop Pilarczyk.)

I am going to divide my thoughts and reflections into seven "P.R." categories...

- **past remembered**
- **parish reorganization**
- **personal repercussions**
- **professional revamping**
- **psychological readjustment**
- **prayerful rejuvenation**
- **powerful rejoicing**

If any of these topics strikes you, and you would like to share some thoughts or ideas with me as I formulate this series for the NPM-Cincinnati newsletters, please email at gdddrew@yahoo.com.

Know that all of you are in my prayers daily, and please remember to keep the clergy in your prayers as well. God bless one and all!

**Mark Your Calendars
Now**

The 2007 NPM National Convention will be held July 14-20 in Indianapolis. Because it is so close to Cincinnati, many of us will be attending. Start planning now (budget the money if you can) so you can connect with fellow pastoral musicians next summer.

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