



## NPM Cincinnati Chapter Spring Newsletter

### *Chapter Director's Message*

Easter Greetings to all of you. I trust your parish celebrations of Holy Week and the Easter Season have been filled with wonderful music and spirit-filled singing. This newsletter lists many chapter events that are being planned for the rest of this year and even into 2007! The chapter board has planned several different kinds of activities to be held in different parts of our city so that everyone can find a way to be involved in our chapter. I hope to see you at one or more of these events. As always, if there is any way I can be of help, please contact me at [bbisig@npscincinnati.org](mailto:bbisig@npscincinnati.org) or at 513-563-6377 x301.

### *May Festival Concert*

Cincinnati's May Festival has been called "America's Premier Choral Festival." The 150-member chorus, which is largely volunteer, has performed around the world and has recorded frequently with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra. Join NPM Cincinnati for an evening of great choral music as we attend a May Festival concert on Saturday, May 27, at 8 p.m. for a performance of Josef Haydn's "The Creation." Many of our singers have sung at least one chorus from this oratorio, "The Heavens Are Telling." As a group, we will receive a 25% discount, making tickets an unbelievably low \$11.25 per person. This event is open to non-members, so spread the word among choir members, spouses and music-loving friends. Perhaps your friends will want to make an evening and do dinner before or go out after the concert. As an NPM group, we will simply meet at Music Hall. Checks made out to NPM Cincinnati can be mailed to Brian Bisig c/o St. Michael Church, 11144 Spinner Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45241 or given to your choir director to mail several checks at once. Checks must be received either by Brian or your choir director by May 12. We hope to see you there!



### *Summer Singers Series*

For the past two summers, the Summer Singers Series has provided an opportunity to practice music reading and singing skills in a relaxed summertime environment. Summer is an ideal time to work on the basics that sometimes get overlooked in choir rehearsal! SSS will be held on Tuesday nights July 11, 18, 25 and August 1 at St. Vivian Church, 7600 Winton Road, from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. The \$25 fee includes membership in the chapter. A separate flyer will be mailed out soon to local parishes. Or you can check out our website at [www.npscincinnati.org](http://www.npscincinnati.org).

## ***Laudate***

Plans are underway for the Laudate 2006, our archdiocesan workshop that helps form youth for music ministry. Last year's inaugural program was a tremendous success with nearly 70 young pastoral musicians led by more than a dozen music ministers and youth ministers in learning more about music and liturgy. Laudate 2006 will be held at Bergamo Center in Dayton on June 19-22. Please encourage young musicians you know to check out this program. Registrations are now being accepted. Look for more information on our chapter website, [www.npmcincinnati.org](http://www.npmcincinnati.org), or on the Laudate webpage at [www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/laudate](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/laudate).

## ***NPM Regional Conventions***

Are you planning to attend one of the NPM regional conventions this year? Conventions are in Stamford, CT, June 27-30, Grand Rapids, MI, July 18-21, or Sacramento, CA, August 1-4. If you are going and want to know who else from Cincinnati or Dayton may be there, send me an email at [bbisig@npmcincinnati.org](mailto:bbisig@npmcincinnati.org).

## ***Mark Your Calendars Now!***

NPM Cincinnati has several events already planned for the coming fall and winter. Mark your calendars now for the *NPM Cincinnati Benefit Organ Recital* on Sunday, Sept. 10, at St. Boniface Church, 1750 Chase Ave. Several of our outstanding chapter organists will give a concert to raise money for the NPM Hurricane Assistance fund. The fund helps parishes and musicians that lost instruments, printed music and equipment in the hurricanes of last fall. Plan to enjoy an afternoon of quality music in a great space and contribute to a great cause.

The annual *NPM Cincinnati Fall Dinner* will be Friday, November 10, at the home of Jeremy and Karen Helmes in Sycamore Township. Jeremy is the chapter advisor for DMMD. Invitations will be sent to chapter members in the fall.

The *NPM Cincinnati Adult Choir Festival* will be Friday, January 5, 2007, at St. Columban in Loveland, and Sunday, January 7, 2007, at St. Bartholomew in Finneytown. Because of the success of last year's Children's Choir Festival during the Christmas season, we've planned to do our Adult Choir Festival at the same time of year. Choirs will be invited to sing Christmas anthems (which you will have already prepared!) and join in some common hymns and carols of the season. Your choir can choose the date and/or location that works best for you. More details to follow, but for those of you who like to plan in advance, add this event to your choir calendar!

### ***Executive Board***

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