



# NPM Cincinnati Chapter

Winter 2006 Newsletter

## *Chapter Director's Message*

Greetings and Happy New Year to all of you. As the new director of our chapter for 2006, I look forward with the other members of our board to serving you and your efforts to foster the art of musical liturgy in our local Church. I believe our Chapter has much to offer the Church of Cincinnati through promotion of parish or archdiocesan events, combined programming like our choir festivals and the Summer Singers Series, and the fellowship and support of one another as pastoral musicians. Remember, this association and chapter exist to promote *your* ministry in *your* parish. Please let me know how we can best do this. The new board will be meeting soon to plan for the rest of the year. If you have programming ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me at [bbisig@npscincinnati.org](mailto:bbisig@npscincinnati.org) or at 513-563-6377 x301.

## *Recent Events*

Our annual chapter Dinner Meeting was held on November 14 at the home of member Joeline Lecture in Newport, KY. Joeline's beautiful home was built as a church and still contains a pipe organ! Members enjoyed a catered meal, good company, a classical guitar performance by Jose Matiella, and a read-through of new music provided by GIA and WLP.

On January 6, more than 100 young pastoral musicians took part in the NPM



*Dave Allen and Joeline Lecture smile in front of the organ in Joeline's home.*



*Lindsey Clavere and the St. Margaret of York Children's Choir*

Cincinnati Chapter Children's Choir Festival held at St. Margaret of York parish in Loveland. Choirs sang music of the Christmas season and combined their efforts on some Christmas hymns under the direction of Susan Hack, music director at St. Bartholomew parish. The large audience and choir members enjoyed a wonderful evening of music. For more photos from these events, visit our chapter website at [www.npscincinnati.org](http://www.npscincinnati.org).

## *Upcoming Events*

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. Look for more information on our chapter website, [www.npmcincinnati.org](http://www.npmcincinnati.org), or on the Laudate page at [www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/laudate](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/laudate).

For the past two summers, the Summer Singers Series has provided an opportunity to practice music reading, music theory 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! Our DMMD members will be deciding soon if we will hold this program this year. If you have suggestions or comments or would like to help plan this year's SSS, please contact any member of our executive board.

## *A Web of Music*

At long last, our Cincinnati chapter has its very own website. Make sure to check out [www.npmcincinnati.org](http://www.npmcincinnati.org) and bookmark it on your computer. Over the course of this year, we hope to find out how best to use this site to serve our members and promote liturgical music in Cincinnati. Some ideas include chapter news, helpful links, and allowing chapter members to promote upcoming events. Right now check out photos from our most recent chapter events. If you have suggestions, please let us know! You can contact our webmaster Jeremy Helmes at [webmaster@npmcincinnati.org](mailto:webmaster@npmcincinnati.org). Thanks Jeremy for designing and maintaining this site!

## *Membership*

Chapter membership has its benefits!!! As you know, our chapter is not just for music directors or professional musicians. It's for all those in Cincinnati who participate in music ministry! Besides receiving this newsletter and being informed about chapter and local events, members receive discounts to chapter events (like the Summer Singers Series) and are supported in their own ministry through spiritual, educational and musical programming at our meetings. Furthermore, your membership fee is worth even more if you are a national member of NPM – for every member, our chapter receives a rebate from NPM which can really add up. This money has been used in the past not only in planning chapter events, but in sponsoring other programs which promote musical liturgy such as the archdiocesan Laudate workshop. Please encourage others to join our chapter!

## *Executive Board*

|           |               |          |             |                 |          |
|-----------|---------------|----------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Director  | Brian Bisig   | 563-6377 | Assoc. Dir. | Lynn Meisberger | 777-6302 |
| Secretary | Matt Phelps   | 574-4840 | Treasurer   | Michael Dailey  | 777-6433 |
| Koinonia  | Tina Geers    | 921-7842 | Chaplain*   | Rev. Geoff Drew |          |
| DMMD*     | Jeremy Helmes |          | Organist*   | Javier Clavere  |          |

Advisory members Dave Allen, Eugene Englert, Anne Ketzer, Betty Reiber

\* *Appointed members*