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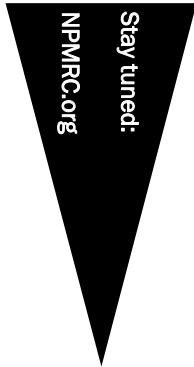
- As another year of exciting events unfold in our diocesan NPM chapter, I invite you to reserve the dates of our activities presented in this newsletter. The **St. Cecilia concert and dinner** is an affirmation of our ministry and its accomplishments. You will not only be commissioned by our bishop, but will hear his valuable words. Bishop Cupich has supported our NPM chapter in an exceptional manner. Because of his support, NPM is able to present programs of a higher level of excellence.



- Please go to St. Therese's for the musician's spiritual retreat conducted by **Fr. Jim Marchionda** in Nov. He is a renown music minister with exceptional spirituality. We're so pleased that Fr. Bill Zandri has opened this event up to our music ministers. Watch for more details in the WRC.

- Come to Sturgis in January. See the schedule inside the newsletter. As a bonus, you'll receive WLP **FREE MUSIC WITH CD**. You might just want to attend the one of our regional conventions after hearing the exciting experiences of the convention panel: East Brunswick,

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Bishop Cupich to Commission and Recognize Musicians at St. Cecilia Sing and Dinner Oct 5

Choirs from throughout the diocese will present a Choir Favorites Concert at 6 pm prior to Bishop Blase Cupich commissioning pastoral musicians of the Diocese at the **St. Cecilia Annual Dinner Friday evening, October 5 at 6:00 at St. Martin Monastery, Rapid City**

The commissioning and prayer begins an evening of festivity and food at which the Bishop will present recognition awards to deserving individuals.

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NPM St. Cecilia Dinner Registration*

Name: (spouse, too, so we can make name tags. *Please print carefully so we can read easily!*)

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Parish: _____

\$15 per person

***pre-paid; non refundable.**

Mail to: Joan Bachmeier
1621 Third St, Sturgis, SD 57785.

Deadline: October 1

Area Workshops Help Expertise

Sturgis, Jan. 26

Free music/CD!

Contact: Joan Bachmeier -- 347-5815

joanbach@rushmore.com

9:30 **Coffee, rolls, registration**
 10:00-10:15 **Opening Prayer & Welcome**
 10:15-11:00 **Christmas in January**—two area choirs will present several of the songs that they have used at Christmas with information regarding the selections
 11:00-11:45 **Convention panel** — updates, ideas, experiences — by those attending National NPM Convention
 11:45-12:15 **Lunch**
 12:15-12:45 **NPM Meeting**
 12:45-1:45 **Reading Session** —Free music from WLP!!!!-Session led by Sheila Sweitzer
 1:45-2:15 **Cantor Certification Requirements** —to set a time for certification recording and testing in the summer of 2008
 2:15-2:30 **Sing** two anthems from 2006 choir festival — Tammy Schnittgrund
 2:30-2:45 **Closing Prayer**

Martin, April 5

Contact: Mary Ann Fanning — 685-6878

macfan4@gwtc.net

9:30 **Coffee, rolls, registration**
 10:00-10:15 **Opening Prayer & Welcome**
 10:15-11:00 **RCIA — The Rites & Music** — Joan Petry
 11:00-11:45 **How to Teach New Music** — Diane Rutstein
 11:45-12:15 **Lunch**
 12:15-12:45 **NPM Meeting**
 12:45-1:30 **Small Parishes Basic Resources** — Vicki Covey
 1:30-2:15 **The President's View of Music in Liturgy** — Father Bryan Sorensen
 2:15-2:30 **Closing Prayer**

St. Cecilia Awards Recognize Dedication to Music Ministry

Send your nominations before October 1!

The St. Cecilia Award, named for the patroness of church music, recognizes a both a **lay person and a clergy member** for contributions to making the liturgy alive through music. Recipients will be announced at the annual NPM Dinner October 5.

Last year's recipients were Pat Weber, OLHP and Msgr. William O'Connell.

Nominate the individual whose extraordinary contribution to the ministry of music brings the people of our church closer to Jesus Christ.

Write a detailed explanation of why your nominee deserves this recognition and mail to:

*Joan Bachmeier, NPM Secretary
1621 Third St, Sturgis, SD 57785
joanbach@rushmore.com*

Nominations must be received
before October 1

Peggy Langenfeld Award Nominations

Nominations are accepted until **October 1** to honor an individual who has served and promoted NPM in an exceptional manner.

The award memorializes Peggy Langenfeld as an individual who dedicated her life to good music in church worship.

The 2006 recipient was Therese Aberle Kaiser. The 2005 award went to Jackie Schnittgrund. These three ladies founded the RC Diocese of NPM, believing NPM offers tremendous resources and support to parish musicians, clergy and other worship leaders in fostering the art of musical liturgy.

If you, or one you know, has made outstanding contribution to NPM for the betterment of effective liturgy and music in our churches, please explain that contribution in 200 words or less and mail the nomination **before October 1** to:

*Joan Bachmeier, NPM Secretary
1621 Third St, Sturgis, SD 57785
joanbach@rushmore.com*

Nominees will be recognized at the St. Cecilia Dinner October 5. Prior nominees must be renominated.

Years of Service Will Be Recognized

Have you, or someone you know, have been involved in Catholic Music Ministry for 25 (or more), 40 (or more), or 50 (and more) years? Let us know.

You will be recognized for those years of dedication to pastoral music, and receive a certificate from the Bishop at the annual St. Cecilia Dinner October 5.

Send, or e-mail information to:

*Jackie Schnittgrund
6831 Muirfield Dr
Rapid City, SD 57702*

Send by **October 1** so we can print the certificates.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Current Parish: _____

Number of years of service:

__25 years or more

__40 years or more

__50 years or more

Remember to ask fellow choir members, your accompanist, your liturgy director, anyone else who has dedicated themselves to music in your parish. They could qualify for this valuable recognition.

Children's Choir Day Directed by Nationally Famous Clinicians

Following up last summer's session for Children's Choir Directors, now comes the workshop for directors *and* the children!

Open to children choir members (or those interested in joining a children's choir), directors and pastoral musicians, the workshop will again be led by nationally famous clinicians Janet Vogt and Mark Friedman.

Singers and directors will hone their skills and gain confidence as they tackle challenging music as part of a large choral ensemble. The event is geared to the long-range growth of young music ministers and their directors.

A concert will follow the Saturday Mass at OLPH Cathedral.

DATE: June 14, 2008
TIME: tentatively 8:30 am—6:30 pm
CONCERT: 7 pm
COST: (including lunch) TBA
LOCATION: Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City
INFORMATION: Jackie Schnittgrund 342-6132
HOUSING: St. Martin's — no charge; see Director's letter for details

\$300 Scholarship to Help You Improve Liturgical Music

The Jackie and Jim Schnittgrund NPM Scholarship for \$300 will be awarded to a recipient in the Rapid City Diocese who will use the proceeds to improve music in Catholic liturgy.



Examples of how the scholarship might be used include individual lessons—voice, piano, organ, etc; the purchase of equipment related to music in the parish; in-service training for music ministers; etc.

Answer the following questions and send the application to: Jackie Schnittgrund
6831 Muirfield Dr; Rapid City, SD 57702 **Must receive before October 1.**

- 1) Name, address, phone number, and email
- 2) What is your present position in the Catholic Church?
- 3) Briefly describe your educational/training background.
- 4) Specifically tell how the scholarship would be used.
- 5) State in 200 words or less the reasons you would like to be considered for this scholarship.

The scholarship recipient will be announced October 5 at the Annual NPM St. Cecilia Dinner at St. Martin Monastery, Rapid City

Director's Notes

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- NJ (June 30-July 3), Cleveland, OH (July 8-11), Los Angeles, CA (Aug. 5-8). Go to www.npm.org.
- Rehearsals for Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec 1 & 8; 1-3 pm; Blessed Sacrament. Mass: Dec 12. Contact: me for more details or watch WRC.
 - April brings a **workshop in Martin**. This workshop will discuss *our* role in the RCIA program and its rites. A speaker from the clergy has been a rarity in NPM so don't miss this event where one of our priests gives his ideas regarding music ministry and liturgy
 - A highlight of our year will be the gathering of children from throughout our diocese at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral June 14, 2008. We **challenge** each parish to send at least one child with an adult. The day begins early and culminates in a concert at 7:00pm. St. Martin's will provide housing both Friday and Saturday evenings for those coming from a distance. NPM will absorb the cost so this will be a free service. Children must be accompanied by adult chaperones if they stay at St. Martin's. If their adult chaperone is not their parent, the chaperones must be certified through their parish as a volunteer. This certification must be presented when registering at St. Martin's upon arrival. If you have questions regarding this policy, call or write Linda Severns (605-341-2508 or lseverns@diorc.org). For more information and reservations at St. Martin's, contact Sr. Lorane at 343-8011.
 - The inserted article by Tammy Schnittgrund was printed in the last NPM national magazine. I hope you'll also find it helpful.

Blessings to you all,
Jackie Schnittgrund