

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On this the Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, we are reminded of his dedication to the Liturgy and Catechesis. He had much to share regarding the Council of Trent and Pope John XIII did his doctoral work on St. Charles and his work in the church. Some speculate it was this knowledge he had which may have given Pope John XIII the idea and direction to begin the Second Vatican Council, along with the Holy Spirit of course.

This month as you know we are reminded of those who have passed into eternal life. It would be great to remember the musicians who have died from our Arch this month. If you know of a music director, choir member, cantor, instrumentalist from your parish or other parishes who have died, email me their name and we will have a list of them during the month of November to remember in our prayers.

Some new items have crossed my desk which you may be interested in for your own resources. **“We Send Forth: Dismissals for the RCIA.”** These are great prayers from World Library Publications. A Prayer for each Sunday of the Year. **“The Michael Joncas Psalter: Volume 1.”** These are Common Psalms. These are with World Library Publications. Within the Introduction there is a great little history of the Responsorial Psalm since Vatican II . These are very accessible pieces of music.

I hope that you received the new sub list, if you did not, please let me know.

Also your parish will be receiving a flyer regarding the Chant and Latin Workshop being held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, November 14. In the Sing to the Lord document we are reminded that we should all have a basic knowledge of Chant and Latin in order to present some of these music and language forms to our parishes. We are hoping that that you will take advantage of this workshop to either brush up or to learn some things about Chant and Latin.

As many of you are aware Rene Becker, the first Cathedral Organist at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament was also a prolific composer. His music is being placed in the University of Michigan Library. Dr. Steven Ball a member of the Organ Faculty at U of M is hoping to record one of the Becker Masses as part of the project. The information is attached to this email. I hope that you can participate in this important project.

Friday’s at Denny’s will be held in the West Side of the Archdiocese of Detroit on November 20 at 12:15. This is a time to connect, converse and share information with one another regarding our ministry and the effects of the changes in the Mass and the Roman Missal.

The National Pastoral Musician Conference is coming to Detroit in July. I ask two things regarding this upcoming event. **First please pray for the success of this event.** We have not hosted this event since 1981, we are very excited about hosting this event. Secondly we need MANY volunteers. While it may seem early to think about volunteers, it is not. Many of us and our choir members/instrumentalists make vacation plans months in advance. It is a good idea to plant the seed about helping with its benefits. Please give this thought and contact Annette Wright at organnette28@yahoo.com and let her know you are interested in helping.

The Music Advisory Committee has been formed to help with the continued networking process of the Archdiocese of Detroit. There is representation of Urban, Suburban and Rural Parishes, Continuing Education/Formation of Liturgical Musicians, Keyboardists, Catholic School/Religious Education, Worship Office, Youth and the NPM Local Chapter. This Committee will be working very closely with the newly formed Worship Commission for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Some of the issues we will be addressing will be Wedding Guidelines, Funeral Guidelines and the New Roman Missal.

Have you given any thought to having your Children's Choir participate in the Pueri Cantores Choir Festival on March 5 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament? You can go online at puericantores.com for more information.

Please let me know if there are events occurring in your parishes. It is great to support one another in these efforts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. St. Cecilia Sing

A time to for us to share the gifts of our parish choirs as we gather to celebrate the feast of the patroness of music. Choirs are asked to prepare their favorite sacred or liturgical choral music (7 minutes max.) to present in the beautiful surroundings of our diocesan cathedral. Invite friends and family to come enjoy this wonderful afternoon!

Date: Sunday, November 15, 2009

Time: 4:00 PM

Place: Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
9844 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Cost: Free-will Offering

NPM Scholarship Fund

2. November 15, 3:00 PM Faure Requiem at Old St. Mary's Church in Greektown 646 Monroe Avenue. Detroit, Michigan 48226. 313. 961.8711. The Festival Choir of Old St. Mary's. Gail Mitchell. Soprano, Davis Gloff, Baritone, Bob Barnhart, Director. Free-will Offering.

3. Dr. Ronald Prowse will present a workshop at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on November 14. More details to follow. This workshop will count toward your certification.