“The cantor is both a singer and a leader of congregational song.”

Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship, 37
The clinician for each NPM Local Cantor Intensive is a designated cantor trainer who has been approved by the NPM Steering Committee for Cantors.

The registration cost is just $20 per participant. Each participant, however, must be an NPM individual or parish member.

The one-day program (9:00 AM to 2:00 PM) includes sessions on the liturgical role of the cantor, the psalms, animating the assembly, vocal issues for cantors, and coaching.

Participants may add on the exam and adjudication for the Basic Cantor Certificate.

Additional information for coordinators and clinicians available from NPM National Office or at the NPM website: “Guidelines for NPM Local Cantor Intensive Coordinators” and “Guidelines for NPM Local Cantor Intensive Clinicians”

To schedule a one-day cantor intensive, or for additional information, contact Mary Lynn Pleczkowski, coordinator for NPM Cantor Programs, via email: Plecz@aol.com.

How to hold an NPM Local Cantor Intensive

1. Contact Mary Lynn Pleczkowski at Plecz@aol.com.

2. Make arrangements to use a Catholic church, school, retreat center, or other facility that has a room large enough for people to sit, observe, and sing and room for the instruments needed to accompany a cantor. You may also need diocesan permission to host such an event.

3. For your workshop, you will need a local host coordinator and an approved clinician. You may also want to arrange for an accompanist.

4. All clinicians for NPM cantor workshops must be NPM Designated Cantor Trainers.

5. Presenters are to use the sessions described in the sample agenda (shown to the right). Please contact Mary Lynn Pleczkowski with any questions.

6. Promote the event by all available means: e-mail, texting, and other contacts with your surrounding parishes, institutions, and the local diocese.

7. Plan your budget to assure that you will have enough income to offset expenses. Please see fee breakdown located at the bottom of the right-hand column on this page. Be sure to allow for clinician travel expenses.

8. Inform Mary Lynn (Plecz@aol.com) of the date and location of your workshop.

NPM Local Cantor Intensive Sample Agenda

9:00 AM Welcome, Introductions and Brief Morning Prayer

9:30 Session I: The Liturgical Role of the Cantor

10:00 Session II: The Psalms

10:45 Break

11:00 Session III: Animating the Assembly

12:00 Lunch Brown bag on your own or purchase at additional fee

12:30 PM Session IV: Vocal Issues for Cantors/Voice Class

1:00 Coaching Session

1:45 Final Remarks and Brief Closing Prayer

2:00 Conclusion

Possible Basic Cantor Certification “add-on” to schedule:

2:15 Written Exam

2:30 Begin Cantor Singing Adjudication

Fee Breakdown

$20 Registration fee per participant

$10 per participant goes to the clinician

$10 per participant goes to the local host parish/diocese

Remember to provide for clinician travel expenses