NPM Organist Liaison

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) is a membership organization primarily composed of musicians, musician-liturgists, clergy, and other leaders of prayer devoted to serving the life and mission of the Church through fostering the art of musical liturgy in Roman Catholic worshiping communities in the United States of America.

The Section for Organists is a special interest group within NPM addressing the needs and concerns of organists. Special attention is given to quality workshops, organ recitals and other events at NPM Conventions, as well as programs outside of conventions, such as the Certification procedures and Young Organists programs.

The Organist Liaison is the liaison between the NPM Section for Organists and the local NPM chapter. At the same time, this person is an active member of the local AGO (American Guild of Organists) Chapter and could potentially coordinate activities between these two associations.

The purpose of the Organist Liaison is to provide events for NPM organists on the local level through the NPM Chapter. The Organist Liaison also shares ideas with other Organist Liaisons and communicates local concerns that need to be addressed on the national level to the NPM Standing Committee for Organists. The local Organist Liaison is encouraged to be creative in programming and to fulfill the needs of organists in the local chapter.

The local chapter and the Organist Liaison will determine the focus of organ activities:
This could include one or more of the following:
- Certification Training
- Young Organists Workshops
- Connecting Teachers with Prospective Students
- Organ Crawls
- Organ Recitals
- Organ Workshops on a variety of topics

The areas of Certification and Young Organists are national priorities for the NPM Section for Organists. Organist Liaisons will be invaluable in supporting these programs.

Requirements for the Organist Liaison: NPM Chapter Directors are to appoint persons who meet the following requirements:

1) is a member in good standing of NPM as well as the NPM Section for Organists (simply check the appropriate box when renewing NPM dues; no extra fee)
2) is a member in good standing of the American Guild of Organists
3) agrees to serve a 2-year term (renewable by the local chapter)

If you are interested in serving as an Organist Liaison, contact your local NPM Chapter Director and submit the completed form below.
Organist Liaison for ___________________________ NPM Chapter

In the Diocese/Archdiocese (circle one) of _______________________

Name ________________________________

Church _______________________________________

Preferred Mailing Address _________________________________

City __________________________ State ____________ Zip ________

Tel: Home ________________ Church _______________________

Fax _________________________ E-mail ______________________

AGO Chapter in which you hold membership ___________________

Appointed ________ by ________________________________

(date) (signed by Chapter Director)

This information will be compiled in a Directory of Organist Liaisons to be used by the NPM Standing Committee on Organists.

Please send completed form to:
David Jonies
Holy Name Cathedral
730 N. Wabash Ave.
Chicago, IL 60611

Any questions?
Call David at (312) 787-8040, email: davidjonies@gmail.com

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