

NPM Basic Organist Certificate Application

Name _____

Name as you would like it to appear on your certificate:

NPM Membership Number _____

Mailing Address _____

City/Town _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

work phone _____ work fax _____

work e-mail _____

home phone _____ home fax _____

home e-mail _____

Parish/Institution Name _____

Parish Mailing Address _____

City/Town _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Please list the following:

2 hymn tunes to be recorded on tape or CD

1. _____

2. _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Mass setting:

Holy _____ Mem. Acc./Amen _____

Lamb of God _____

2 selections from organ literature to be recorded:

1. _____

2. _____

Return this form with \$20 processing fee to: BOC Committee, c/o NPM National Office, 962 Wayne Avenue, Suite 210, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4461. Please make checks payable to NPM.

Check enclosed

Credit Card Visa MasterCard

Card # _____

Exp. date _____ 3- or 4-digit security code _____

Name on card _____

Signature _____



Basic Organist Certificate

for Organists Serving Roman Catholic Parishes

The NPM Steering Committee for Organists has developed this process for achieving a Basic Organist Certificate for members of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians as a way to certify a musician's achievement of the fundamentals of service organ playing expected of musicians serving Roman Catholic parishes.



NPM Basic Organist Certificate Requirements

The test for the **Basic Organist Certificate** has two components.

I. Service Music

The candidate must play:

- two hymns—one metrical, one plainsong (both with pedal);
- a responsorial psalm;
- a setting of the Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations (Preface Acclamation [*Sanctus*], Memorial Acclamation [*Mystery of Faith*], and Great Amen);
- a setting of the Lamb of God

II. Organ Literature

The candidate must also play two pieces of his or her own choosing written for solo organ (i.e., not hymn tunes, contemporary songs, or anthem accompaniments). At least one will be played with pedal.

Application Process

Eligibility

All members of NPM are eligible to apply for the NPM Basic Organist Certificate.

Procedures

Step 1. Complete the attached application form and return it with a non-refundable \$20 processing fee to NPM-BOC, 962 Wayne Avenue, Suite 210, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4461.

Step 2. Upon receipt of your application and fee, you will be contacted by a member of the BOC Examination Committee and provided with instructions for selecting a proctor and completing a recording of your chosen repertoire.

Step 3. In the presence of the assigned proctor, record your chosen repertoire on CD or on cassette tape. The proctor signs an affidavit as witness.

Step 4. Submit two copies of your recording to the address given to you by the Examination Committee. You will be notified of the results.

All hymns, psalms and service music selections are to be chosen from the Examination Repertoire List—see next page.

Expectations

Adjudicators will be looking for the basic skills needed for accompanying a congregation: accuracy of notes and rhythms, steady and appropriate tempi, clear introductions, and basic registrations.

Examination Repertoire List

Metrical Hymn Tunes

- STILLE NACHT: W 413, WC 509, JS 309
OLD HUNDREDTH: W 837, WC 927, JS 569
ANTIOCH: W 424, WC 493, JS 303
NEW BRITAIN: W 650, WC 685, JS 680
LAND OF REST: W 867, WC 858, JS 758
LOURDES HYMN: W 893, WC 979, JS 512

Plainsong Hymn Tunes

- Divinum Mysterium: W 415, WC 487, JS 317
Veni, Creator: W 543, WC 599, JS 444
Adoro Te Devote: W 556, WC 999, JS 840
Attende Domine: W 473, WC 528, JS 346
Jesu Dulcis Memoria: W 13 or 471, WC 607, JS 634
Conditor Alme Siderum W 405, WC 476, JS 290

Responsorial Psalms

- Psalm (33) 34: Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord—Proulx/Gelineau, LP page 49

- Psalm (102)103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful—Haas/Gelineau, LP page 49
Psalm 66: All You Nations—Lucien Deiss, WC 414
Psalm 91: Be With Me, Lord—Joseph B. Sullivan, WC 425
Psalm 89: For Ever Will I Sing—Owen Alstott, JS 65
Psalm 117: Go Out to All the World—Owen Alstott, JS 97

Mass Settings

for 2011 Order of Mass

Holy, Holy, Holy [*Sanctus*]:
People's Mass (Vermulst)
A Community Mass (Proulx)
Mass of Creation (Haugen)
Heritage Mass (Alstott)

Memorial Acclamation and Great Amen:

Choose one "mystery of faith" acclamation and Amen from the same setting
People's Mass (Vermulst)
A Community Mass (Proulx)
Mass of Creation (Haugen)
Heritage Mass (Alstott)

Lamb of God:

Holy Cross Mass (Isele)
A Community Mass (Proulx)
People's Mass (Vermulst)
Heritage Mass (Alstott)

Codes

- LP— *Lectionary Psalms* (2012), GIA Publications
W— *Worship*, 4th Edition (2011), GIA Publications
WC— *We Celebrate* (2011), World Library Publications
JS— *Journeysongs*, 3rd Edition (2012) Oregon Catholic Press