Cantor Colleague Certificate

The NPM Cantor Certificate Committee has developed a certificate process for Cantors to recognize the progression of acquired skills of Cantors serving Roman Catholic parishes.
The Cantor Colleague Certificate marks the third stage in the NPM Cantor Certificate program, recognizing the achievement of the *advanced* skills expected of cantors.
All certificate levels presume an understanding of the spirituality of this important ministry.
NPM Certificates are available to NPM members only.

Application Date: _____

NPM Cantor Colleague Certificate (CCC) Application

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Title (Mr., Ms., Rev., etc.) First Middle Last Suffix

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Name as you would like for it to appear on the completed certificate

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Mailing Address City State/Province Zip

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Preferred Phone, Home or Cell (include area code) Preferred e-mail address

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Parish/Organization Name

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Parish/Organization Mailing Address City State/Province Zip

CCC Repertoire Choices

Responsorial Psalm, List A: _____ Composer _____

Responsorial Psalm, List B: _____ Composer _____

(Responsorial Psalm choices from List A and List B should <u>not</u> be the same Psalm number/text.)

Sequence Selection: _____ Composer _____

Payment:

☐ Member **$75** ☐ Non-member **$124** (Includes a one-year NPM Select-level membership)
☐ Check # _____ enclosed. Make payable to **NPM** in US Dollars.
☐ I authorize NPM to charge my Credit Card.

Credit Card Number Expiration Date

Name on Card (Please print clearly)

Cardholder Signature Date of Signature

Security Code (*3 digits located on back, or 4 digits on front for AMEX)* Billing Zip Code

NPM Cantor Colleague Certificate Requirements

Test Process

The test process for the Cantor Colleague Certificate has three components. *Each* component must have a passing scoreof 70%.

1. Vocal Technique and Skills: the candidate will sing the following:
   - Sing two responsorial psalms **from the approved list** (below)—one setting chosen from List A (Chant) and one chosen from List B (Melodic) provided below
   - The sequence for Easter, Pentecost, or Corpus Christi (a chant setting)
   - Sight sing a short Gospel Acclamation and a standard chant psalm (Refrain, Verse One, Refrain) provided at the adjudication.
2. Applied Knowledge
   The candidate will complete a written exam demonstrating familiarity with intermediate applied concepts in music theory and an understanding of the ministry of the cantor/psalmist.
3. Liturgical Knowledge
   The candidate will complete a written exam on liturgy and its musical components. The test is administered online twice each year, in mid-January and mid-June. Successful completion of the exam requires extensive study and preparation over a period of several weeks. Candidates will be assigned a mentor to assist them in this process.

See http://npm.org/cantor-certificate-programs/ for Study Guides and Scope and Sequence for the written tests.

Application Process

Eligibility

All members of NPM who have completed *both* the NPM Basic Cantor Certificate, and the NPM Intermediate Cantor Certificate (ICC) are eligible to apply for the Cantor Colleague Certificate (CCC). Non-members may apply for membership when applying for the certificate.

Procedures

1. Complete the application form and return it with a non-refundable $75 (members) and $114 (non-members) processing fee to NPM-CCC, P.O. Box 224121, Chantilly, VA 20153-4121.

2. Upon receipt of your application and payment of fee, you will be contacted by a member of the CCC ExaminationCommittee who will provide further instructions.

Note: All adjudications (live or recorded) and exams must be completed within one year of the date on which your application is received.

Examination Repertoire List

Responsorial Psalm—List A (Chant)

Psalm 30: I Will Praise You, Lord - [GIA, Lec. Psalms: Lead Me Guide Me]
Psalm 31: Father, I Put My Life In Your Hands - Hughes [GIA, GIA G-2330]
Psalm 34: Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord – Keil [OCP 30100782]
Psalm 44/45: De Pie a Tu Derecha Está La Reina – Montgomery [OCP, Responde y Aclama]
Psalm 62/63: Mi Alma Está Sediente/My Soul Is Thirsting- Hurd [OCP, 88983, Flor y Canto]
Psalm 97/98: Los Confines De La Tierra - Alonso [GIA, Oramos Cantando Hymnal]
Psalm 104: Lord, Send Out Your Spirit – Scavone [WLP/GIA, 006266 Psalms For The Easter Vigil]
Psalm 113: Blessed Be the Name of the Lord - Mayernik [OCP, 30101909]
Psalm 133/134: In the Silent Hours of the Night – Hughes [GIA, G-3377]

[Publisher Codes]
GIA—GIA Publications
OCP—Oregon Catholic Press
WLP—World Library Publications

Responsorial Psalm—List B (Melodic)

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord - Sullivan [OCP 88044, 3 Seasonal Psalms for Advent]
Psalm 34: Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord - Robertson [WLP/GIA WLP 001283]
Psalm 33/34: Gusten y Vean - Montgomery [OCP 30108359, Flor Y Canto]
Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs for Running Water – Siege [WLP/GIA WLP 006209
Psalm 50/51: Misericordia, Señor/Show Us Your Mercy - Hurd [OCP 30107745, Flor y Canto 3, Unidos en Cristo]
Psalm 84/85: Muéstranos Señor / Lord Show Us Your Mercy - Kolar [GIA/WLP, GIA/WLP 012726]
Psalm 96: Today Is Born.../Hoy Día Nos Ha Nacido… - Hughes [GIA, G-2026, also Oramos Cantando Hymnal]
Psalm 98: All the Ends of the Earth - De Silva [GIA, Gather 4]
Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing – Harbor [OCP, 30101445 or 89803, Breaking Bread]

***Availability in a specific hymnal or missal is subject to change at the discretion of the publisher. Please consult the publishers' websites or contact them directly with questions regarding availability.**

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