

NPM Intermediate Cantor Certificate: Essay Worksheet

ICC ESSAY PLANNING WORKSHEET

A Supplement to the ICC Essay Guide

Your goal is to respond to the instructions in the Essay Guide and to cite from at least **four** references, including *Sing to the Lord* and *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*. This planning guide is intended to help you organize your ideas and to identify possible citations to support your ideas.

If you choose to type within this document, the cells will expand to accommodate your ideas. NOTE: You will not necessarily fill in all 4 columns in each row.

Sunday and Liturgical Year of your chosen readings and psalm:

Essay 1

Key question	Possible STL citation	Possible GIRM citation	Other possible resource	Other possible resource
How is the Responsorial Psalm related to the first reading?				
How is it related to the gospel reading?				
What is the Responsorial Psalm "doing"? • How is the psalm our response to the word God is				

speaking to us in the first reading? To the word Christ is speaking to us in the gospel proclamation?				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who is the Responsorial Psalm calling us, the Church, to be on this particular Sunday of the liturgical year? 				
Insights gained/Challenges raised?				

Essay 2

Key question	Possible STL citation	Possible GIRM citation	Other possible resource	Other possible resource
Reflect on the role of the psalmist in singing the Responsorial Psalm. Beyond singing words, what is the psalmist really doing?				
How can you as psalmist best prepare yourself to fulfill this				

ministry?				
Reflect on the spirituality of the psalmist. Who is the psalm calling you, the psalmist, to be on this specific Sunday of the liturgical year?				
Who is the psalm calling you to be in your daily living this week? What's an example of a possible way to respond to that call?				

Remember that in addition to citing your sources within the essays, you will need to provide a list at the end of your essay.

NOTE: Although the *Lectionary* and the *Bible* contain the actual text of the readings and the Psalms, and serve as the core of the work of the cantor, they are not considered supplementary resources.

The supplementary resources are readings which describe and interpret the Scriptures and/or their role in the liturgy, and/or which describe the role of the cantor in proclaiming the Word.

