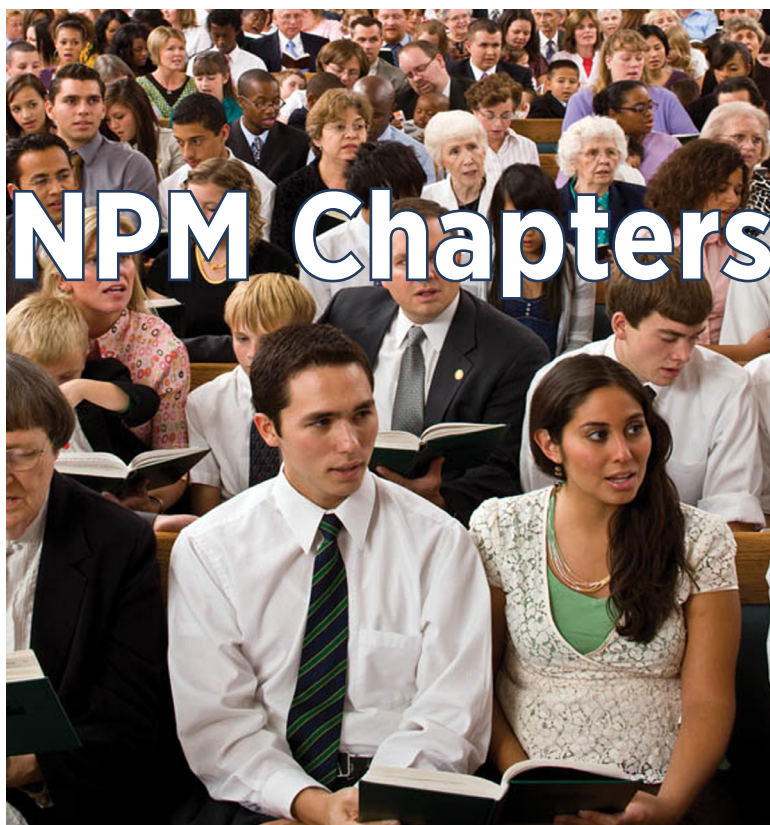


National Association of Pastoral Musicians



**Enable, Support, and Carry Forward
the Work of Pastoral Musicians**

Does your (arch)diocese have an NPM Chapter?

Do you know what a Chapter does?

An NPM Chapter . . .

- deepens the spiritual life of each NPM member;
- provides an educational forum on issues affecting musical and liturgical practice in the Church for musicians, clergy, liturgists, and other leaders of prayer;
- improves the skills of every NPM member: musical, liturgical, pastoral, and leadership;
- encourages social interaction among NPM members;
- fosters mutual support for NPM members through sharing and friendships;
- connects members with the NPM national organization and the NPM National Office through membership, education, communication, and dialogue.





NPM Chapter, Diocese of Arlington, Virginia

What are people saying about NPM Chapters?



“Why form a Chapter? Musicians need musicians—not only for practical reasons: to learn from one another and get substitutes for vacation—but also for human reasons: to share insights and support for one another as you minister in your diocese. Leadership is critical, but participation is essential. Musicians and clergy working together

have met in the Diocese of Buffalo, New York, since 1946. Check it out (cmgbuffalo.org) and then consider all the benefits if you work together in your diocese!”

*Rev. Virgil C. Funk,
President Emeritus, NPM*



“Dedicating time at monthly Chapter meeting to sharing ideas with my fellow pastoral musicians is absolutely invaluable to helping me make my parish’s liturgies better.”

*Paul Bresciani
Director of Parish Music
St. Veronica Church
Director, NPM Cincinnati*



NPM Mid-South Chapter Board with Bishop J. Terry Steib, Memphis, Tennessee



“I’ve been a guest speaker for many NPM Chapter events around the country. From my perspective, it is within the Chapters that our work is enabled, supported, and carried forward. The Chapter gatherings are filled with friendship, fun, education, purpose, and loving acceptance of all.”

*Dr. Elaine Rendler
Associate Professor of Music Theory
George Mason University
Fairfax, Virginia*



NPM Chapter, Diocese of Joliet, Illinois, with Bishop R. Daniel Conlon



“The NPM Austin Chapter is a lifeline for our local parish musicians! For years it has been a source of needed support, encouragement, spiritual renewal, and professional growth for music ministers throughout our diocese. Our Chapter nurtures the development of leadership skills, musicianship, good pastoral practices, and spiritual formation of parish music ministers. It serves all pastoral musicians, from music leaders and instrumentalists to the choir member in the last row, while providing mentoring and guiding support for both urban and rural parishes. It is a community of believers who love the Lord and collaborate with our diocesan offices to support wonderful musical liturgy with God’s people in Central Texas. Start a Chapter in your diocese: You will be blessed!”

*Daniel Girardot
Director of Liturgy and Music
St. Theresa Catholic Church
Austin, Texas
Director, NPM Austin*



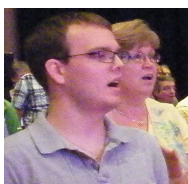
The presence of NPM in our local churches speaks of a commitment to beauty and craft that directly serves the authenticity of our worship. At our parish, liturgy is our first priority because it is the one ministry that literally touches the life of each and every person who gathers to pray and be fed—there is no other ministry that has this far-reaching effect. I am grateful that there is a group of sincere, dedicated ministers of worship who take this calling seriously—to build and shape the voice of Jesus as he sings to the Father, to promote participation and deeper prayer.

*Father Don Rooney, Pastor
St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception Catholic Church
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“A vibrant NPM Chapter is a tremendous asset to a local diocese. It not only helps prepare pastoral musicians for excellence in ministry, it also provides a bond of friendship and common purpose among those who are co-workers in the field with the bishop, clergy, and other lay ministers. I know that my association with NPM chapters in Pittsburgh and Washington, DC, has been extremely formative and life-giving.”

*Mr. Thomas V. Stehle
Director of Music Ministries
Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
Washington, DC*



“Through the gift of your talent, time, and dedication, feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty. Discover the Word and share that living Word with the world which longs for true song and true silence. This is the dedication of a pastoral musician.”

*Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, Texas
Episcopal Moderator, NPM*

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) fosters the art of musical liturgy. The members of NPM serve the Catholic Church in the United States as musicians, clergy, liturgists, and other leaders of prayer.

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