NPM Notebooks is a bi-monthly publication of NPM focused on the announcement and communication of activities, resources, and information to support our members.

Member News and Notes

NPM Formation Opportunities

In addition to our in-person training and formation opportunities provided at the Annual Convention, Winter Colloquium, Guitar and Ensemble Institute, and One Call Institute for Youth, NPM is proud to offer on-line training opportunities throughout the year.

Two of our most popular on-line training opportunities are The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy, and Virtual Workshops: Cantor Series, both presented in collaboration with Liturgy Training Publications (LTP).

Essentials of Catholic Liturgy (ECL)

*Hurry! TRACK One Registration Deadline is August 12th!*

ECL is offered in three tracks to assist participants in need of various levels of instruction, these training courses offer instruction and formation in the fundamentals of Catholic liturgy and the essential liturgical documents. Each track will be a collaborative form of learning that combines expert presentations on the history and theology of liturgy with a chance to engage in mystagogical reflections with others in the course.

ECL will be offered virtually throughout the year and in-person at the annual NPM convention. The online course is offered periodically and consists of six ninety-minute sessions. Participants will be assigned texts to read and videos to watch between each weekly session, and will receive access to special downloads, videos, and a class forum.

The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy will benefit:

- Music directors, especially those who are new or have recently acquired other liturgical responsibilities
- Cantors, accompanists, choir members
- Liturgy directors and worship committee members
- Those in lay ministry or diaconal formation programs
TRACK One: The Basics of Liturgy
Registration Cost: $150/person
Deadline: August 12, 2019
Register Now!

TRACK Two: Sacramental Rites and Other Parish Liturgies
Registration Cost: $150/person
Deadline: September 16, 2019
Register Now!

TRACK Three: Liturgy, Life, and Discipleship – Coming Summer 2020!

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Virtual Workshops: Cantor Series

In collaboration with LTP, the National Association of Pastoral Musicians has introduced a new series of Virtual Workshops™ specially designed for the parish cantor.

Participants will gain liturgical knowledge, engage in spiritual growth, and develop or enhance the musical skills needed to lead the assembly in prayer and song. The series includes:

- The Cantor’s Tune-Up: October 16, 2019, 7:30 pm ET
- The Cantor as Psalmist: October 29, 2019, 7:30 pm ET
- The Cantor as Animator of the Assembly: November 12, 2019, 7:30 pm ET

Cost: $40
Register Here

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The NPM Academy
Members' Premium Content

In our recent focus on the in-person training that is available at both our Convention and various Institutes, we wanted to remind you of the year-round benefit of member: the NPM members-only "Premium Content" section of the website.

Today's Highlight: The NPM Academy

The NPM Academy offers audio and video seminars and workshops with master theologians, scripture scholars, and authors in the topic areas of:
- Liturgical and Ministerial Formation
- Music Formation
- Catechesis and Faith Formation
- Administration, Technology, and Interpersonal Skills
You can access the seminars in a number of ways, depending on your needs. You can select your desired audio/video by:

- Reviewing the list of complete topic titles
- Searching by keyword
- Filtering by the type of presentation, selecting between Convention Breakouts, Convention Plenum presentations, by Presenter name, and Bilingual sessions

See below for a small sampling of the offerings found online.

These great NPM Academy resources (and more!) are available only to members. Find them in the Premium Content section of the website—year round!

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**Encountering Jesus-A Heritage of Touch, Gaze, Communion**

**2018 Convention Plenum**

Sr. Joyce Zimmermann

This Keynote Address from the 2018 Annual Convention explores the way that we encounter Jesus in our spiritual lives. Just as we encounter each other in a handshake of greeting or peace, Sr. Joyce describes how we are able to encounter Jesus in touch, gaze, and communion.

Sr. Joyce provides an insightful connection of how these ways of encountering Jesus is integral to our lives of ministry, and how we can be enriched by recognizing these encounters more clearly. This very dense presentation is both thought-provoking and inspiring.

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**Cultivating a Baptismal Spirituality in the Parish**

**2017 Convention Breakout Session**

Dr. Jerry Galipeau

While considering Baptism as the foundation of both our lives of faith and of our ministry, Jerry uses a blend of personal stories and church documents to lend new insights into how we might consider Baptism within our church communities. He also shares specific ways to connect our RCIA programs more deeply to the community, and how to consider baptism as central focus during our Lenten journey.

This presentation is the audio recording of a breakout session that was very visually intense "tour" of baptistries in Italy. But, the detailed discussion of the symbolism, position, and iconography in each slide in his presentation was engaging and enlightening even without the slides being present in this recording. This very moving and meaningful presentation is highly recommended.
Instituto - por guitarra
2016 Convention Bi-lingual Session
Rodolfo López

Do you lead music in your parish? If so, you will enjoy this presentation by Rudy López-- whether or not you play guitar! The presentation begins completely en Español, but becomes bilingual as it proceeds. The guitar-playing samples alone will give you ideas and energy even when the verbal descriptions stray into your non-native language.

Learn a little about how the guitar works, the aspects affecting its timbre and resonance, and various techniques, as well as a bit about learning chords, learning to build chords, and amplification choices. Be excited to figure out how to play and lead mass with the guitar!

Annual Report: NPM Board

Executive Summary: NPM Board and Council Meetings
2019 Summer (July 13-19)
Raleigh, North Carolina
Revised 7/23/19

The NPM Board of Directors and Council met several times during the week of July 13-19 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The focus of NPM leadership was preparing for the launch of the NPM 2.0 Vision on Wednesday, July 17. The board sought the advice of the council on the vision statements, specific proposals, and overall presentation of the vision before the launch event/members’ meeting. The board also debriefed the launch event with the council on Friday morning.

Additionally, the board focused on monitoring governing policies and developing new policies. Of note, the board continued its work on articulating NPM’s mission in the "Ends" policies. (Editor’s Note: Part of the NPM Governing Policies)

During the convention week, NPM leaders spent time intentionally in dialogue with industry prayers, ecclesial partners, diocesan leaders, and other stakeholders in NPM’s mission and future success.

The council elected Valerie Lee-Jeter, and re-elected Meg Matuska and Jeremy Helmes to four-year terms on the board of directors, beginning January 1, 2020. They join Mary Prete and Dan Wyatt as voting members of the board for 2020 and 2021.
Save the Date!
July 7-10, 2020 ~ Louisville, Kentucky

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