NPM Notebook 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**

There is still time to register for two of our most popular on-line training opportunities: *The Essentials of Catholic Liturgy: Track Two*, and *Virtual Workshops: Cantor Series*, both presented in collaboration with Liturgy Training Publications (LTP).

**Essentials of Catholic Liturgy (ECL)**

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. Track Two focuses on the Paschal Mystery, sacramental rites, and other parish liturgies, for those with a general understanding of the liturgy.

**TRACK Two: Sacramental Rites and Other Parish Liturgies**

- Registration Cost: $150/person
- Deadline: September 16, 2019
- [Register Now!](#)

**Virtual Workshops: Cantor Series**

Back by popular demand: our series of Virtual Workshops especially designed for the parish cantor! In these workshops, created and presented in collaboration with LTP, you 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
Recitative: Music for Contemporary Ensemble

In this issue of Recitative, Mark Scozzafave, a consultant, composer, and Director of Worship Music at Old St. Patrick’s Church in Chicago, Illinois, reviews music for contemporary ensemble.

Keep in Mind

Sister Patricia Will, 1937-2019

www.NPM.org Menus Updated!

In this issue, we wanted to briefly show how the NPM Website is being re-organized to help you find the information that you need to support your ministry as quickly as possible.

- Initial photo pages are still available for the most current (and most needed) quick-access to current topics and deadlines. These photos scroll through the most needed topics, or may be navigated using the arrows on the edge of each picture.
- Quick-access boxes are also available for Ministry Monday, Convention Resources, and the 2020 Annual Convention.
- Contact Us, the NPM Job Hotline, Ask the President, and the Search NPM box remain at the bottom of each page.

Our initial efforts to improve the website's usability has focused on the "Pull-Down Menus" at the top of the page. Our goal is to re-group all resources into similar topics areas, and better label each available resource. The primary menu options are:

- **Membership:** Everything you want to know about NPM Membership, Interest Sections, the Director of Music Ministries Division, Chapters, and the Member Handbook.
- **About:** NPM's Mission and Strategic Priorities, Leadership and Governing Documents, Staff and Committees, the 2018 Annual Report, and recognition of Award winners.
Events: This area centralizes the program, Annual Convention, Youth Institute, Guitar and Ensemble Institute, DMMD Winter Colloquium, and other events that will gather our members together.

Training: Under this pull-down you can find all NPM training opportunities, including links to our premium content available to Members-Only, information on our Online Training, Certificates and Certification for DMMD Members, Cantors, Organists, and Pianists, all our Conventions and Institutes, and resources on the chants of The Roman Missal.

Other Resources: includes the Job Hotline, information on Scholarships (updated for 2020 soon!), publications, and more!

Donate Now: A handy link to support NPM's mission.

In addition to the content re-organization, every content page is also under review to ensure that it has the most up-to-date and relevant information possible. You asked for some website clarity, and we hope that you will find these initial steps helpful in response!

Explore the NPM Website and its extensive resources!

Lifelong Benefits of Choral Singing

The Chorus Impact Study: Singing for a Lifetime sheds new light on the impact choral singing has on individuals and communities—especially singers ages 65 and up.

Singing in a chorus has a powerfully positive impact on people across generations, as well as on the communities in which they live, reveals a new study from Chorus America, the advocacy, research and leadership development organization that advances the choral field.

The Chorus Impact Study: Singing for a Lifetime builds on previous data about choral singers, and, for the first time, looks in-depth at the role that singing plays in the lives of older adults.

Read more about this study, and share with your communities to encourage both new and continuing choir involvement!

Sistine Chapel Choir Director Ceases Duties

While we were busy heading to convention, the Vatican announced that Fr. Massimo Palombella has ceased his position as director of the Sistine Chapel Choir, according to the Vatican. The music teacher had been under
investigation for financial fraud. See the complete article from the Catholic News Agency.

NPM Events: 2020

**DMMD Winter Colloquium**

For The Love of God:
What Makes Music Suitable for Liturgy?

Clinician: Peter Latona, DMA
February 10-12, 2020
Washington, DC

Details and Registration featured in the next issue of Notebook!

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**43rd Annual Convention**

Called From Living Waters
July 7-10, 2020
The Galt House Hotel
Louisville, Kentucky

One Call, Una Vocación

“Make Us Your Living Voice”
July 21-26, 2020
Collegeville, Minnesota

Guitar and Ensemble Institute
July 27-31, 2020
Milford, Ohio

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