



National Association of Pastoral Musicians

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Press Release: Liturgical Music Institute Is Now Part of NPM Programming

The Liturgical Music Institute, a 5-day retreat and educational session for pastoral musicians, is now a part the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM). NPM's Executive Director, Jennifer Kluge, shares the excitement of the Liturgical Music Institute, or LMI, as a unique opportunity for current NPM members: "Last year I attended LMI for the first time. The unique experience - a seamless combination of knowledge focused on music, theology and liturgy, all grounded by prayer, is unlike any formation program in which I've participated. It filled my heart, mind, and soul, refueling me to serve. I am thrilled that NPM will continue the tradition of offering the LMI experience to pastoral musicians."

The Liturgical Music Institute (LMI) is a program created by Director Christopher Ferraro and Assistant Director Susan Hugelmeyer. The program, now in its eighth year, takes place at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, New York, approximately 40 miles east of New York City. The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, situated on 215 acres close to the Long Island Sound, provides a unique and tranquil setting for the Institute. Liturgies are held in the historic monastic chapel with its three manual E.M. Skinner organ.

As for the program itself, the Liturgical Music Institute provides nationally acclaimed speakers offer insightful and inspiring spiritual conferences and keynote addresses. Workshops and panel discussions for clergy, musicians and liturgists occur throughout the Symposium. In-person attendees have multiple opportunities for communal prayer including daily Mass, Morning and Evening Prayer and Taizé Prayer Around the Cross.

LMI Director Christopher Ferraro reflects on the importance of programs like the Liturgical Music Institute for pastoral musicians today: "Offering musical, liturgical and spiritual formation within the context of a retreat-like atmosphere grounds us in the reality that we are not merely musicians playing notes but that we are primarily Christian disciples who worship the living God and bring people to Christ through the experience of musical liturgy." "It is my fervent hope," says Assistant Director Susan Hugelmeyer, "that [the

Liturgical Music Institute] will continue, and flourish as an esteemed source of learning and spiritual growth, and be an ever expanding community of ministers dedicated to promoting liturgical music of deep prayerfulness and beauty.”

The 2022 Liturgical Music Institute will take place July 24-29, 2022. Additional information and registration can be found at [www.npm.org](http://www.npm.org).

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