

National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) – Grand Rapids Chapter

The music ministry community in the Diocese of Grand Rapids

100% PARISHES

As it was and still is:

- When a pastor, parish music director, or other parish representative enrolls as a voting member of the Grand Rapids Chapter—at the usual \$20 annual fee, that parish automatically becomes a *Chapter Parish*.
- *Anyone* in that parish's music ministry is eligible to enroll as a voting member of the Chapter at the existing published fees.

New:

- For a total combined fee of \$150¹, the parish may now (in addition to the above) *subscribe* each and every member of its parish music ministry with the Chapter. They will receive these benefits of membership: Monthly Newsletter², invitations to events which focus on their particular ministry, free or discounted admission to chapter events.

This new program benefits the entire music ministry within the Diocese of Grand Rapids in the following ways:

- Events will be announced to *all* potential participants in the Diocese³
- Increased participation, provides increased funding, which in turn provides for better programs using the best available clinicians
- The number of events will increase proportionately, reaching interest groups previously underserved⁴

To put it succinctly, the more we grow, the more we can collectively do to share the music gifts with which we have all been blessed. Some of us come to learn, others come to bring their gifts to the [conference] table! We are a community of musicians who serve the parishes of the Diocese of Grand Rapids. We learn from each other, we inspire each other, we support each other, and we need each other.

Membership in the National organization tends to address the pastoral music leadership. The Chapter exists to bring enrichment to the multitude of folks who serve within parish music ministries.

Music directors: Bring your parish on board now. Become part of the first round of Grand Rapids parishes that have already registered 100% of their music ministry⁵. The application is on the following page.

www.npm-gr.org

¹ No parish will incur an expense above this amount, no matter how many voting members it enrolls. \$150 is the full cap. Dues already paid for this year will be credited.

² In the interest of maintaining efficiency within an all-volunteer organization, the paper newsletter will be discontinued and replaced by a monthly edition in digital form. Parishes are asked to find a volunteer within their ministry to print out copies for the members who do not have email.

³ Instead of a single notice sent to the music director of the parish, *all* adult cantors, choir and ensemble members, and instrumentalists of the parish will be kept informed of all events relative to their pastoral music ministry.

⁴ Special events (workshops) will be focused on all aspects of the liturgical music ministry, with new attention given to those who pray in Spanish.

⁵ Include the name, ministry and email address for each member of your parish music ministry. **All email addresses will be protected.** None will be published, or ever appear on any email sent to another recipient. Though registration is open to all for 100% parishes, your individual members should be given the opportunity to opt out.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Voting Members

Duplicate form as needed

Name _____

Parish or School _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Work Phone (10-digit) _____

Other Phone (10-digit) _____

Title or Job Description _____

About you (check all that apply):

☐ Choral Director (Circle: Adult Children Ensemble) ☐ Organist ☐ Pianist ☐ Guitarist

☐ Other Instrument(s) _____

☐ Singer (Circle: S A T B Cantor) ☐ Available to Substitute

☐ Lessons given for _____

Membership fee: \$20 (parish maximum, \$150)

This information will be accessible to other chapter voting members.

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Subscribers

Non-voting

Parish or School _____

Please list

- Name
- Ministry
- Email address

... for each member of the parish music ministry.

- Show "ministry" as: choir member, cantor, trumpeter, liturgy planner, etc.
- These email addresses will not be published or otherwise circulated.

Subscription fee is included in the parish maximum regardless of the number on your list.

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Please make checks payable to **NPM-Grand Rapids Chapter**

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All current memberships/subscriptions will remain in force until July 1, 2014