



**National Association of Pastoral Musicians
Grand Rapids Diocesan Chapter**

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Dear Friend,

This special request is being shared with you because you love sacred music and appreciate the men and women who help us praise God in song.

Next summer, more than 2,000 church musicians from throughout the United States will descend upon Grand Rapids for the 38th annual convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. This is the largest such gathering of pastoral musicians in the country, and Grand Rapids will be the smallest city to host this meeting since its first convention in 1978.

What does this have to do with you? One of the highlights of the convention will be a performance of the Grand Rapids Symphony in the DeVos Performance Hall on July 8, 2015. For the second half of the concert, the symphony will be joined by an 80-voice choir of convention participants (primarily choir directors) who will have spent three days in rehearsal with Pearl Shangkuan, director of the Symphony Chorus. On several of these selections the entire audience will add its voice to a resounding crescendo before the final applause.

We see this as a wonderful opportunity to showcase the musical vitality of Grand Rapids and the entire Southwest Michigan community. In order to produce this event, however, we need to raise \$20,000. Several generous donors have already launched the effort.

I ask that you consider supporting this effort to present an extraordinary performance for next summer's visitors—a gift from us in Michigan to church musicians near and far. Donors of \$100 or more will receive two general admission tickets for the performance. Donors of \$500 or more will be seated in the reserved section. All will be acknowledged in the concert program.

Your gift is tax deductible. Please make your check payable to NPM and send it to: Phil Konczyk, Treasurer, c/o St. Francis de Sales Parish, 195 West 13th Street, Holland, MI 49423.

Gratefully yours,

Robert J Batastini
Chapter Director

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