

National Pastoral Musicians Recognize Music Ministers

On October 7th, the Rapid City Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians held its Fall Meeting at St. Therese of the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. It was a day of singing and celebration.

After a welcome and morning prayer, the members enjoyed a vocal concert. St. Martin Village Singers, St. Therese Choir, St. Rose of Lima Choir, Joyful Sounds Choir of Blessed Sacrament and Chorus Angelorum Choir of Blessed Sacrament charmed the members with a range of musical selections.

Colleen Mahrt of St. John the Baptist Parish in Custer, was our first Sage on Stage speaker. She delighted her audience as she talked about her musical journey that took her to many countries as her husband served in the military.

Following a “Name that Hymn” exercise, the members enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Real Fork, a non-profit catering service that “nourishes relationships within our community.” St. Rita’s Court of the Catholic Daughters served the lunch with efficiency and good humor.

After lunch, the Chapter acknowledged members for their service. Recognized for 25 years of service were Phoebe Lemke, Linda Dahlgren, Jim Keller and Barb Gross. Recognized for 40 years of service were Margaret Lindskov, Carlotta Aberle, Gerilynn Hahne, Colleen Keller, Marlene Biegler, and Sheila Schweitzer. For 50 years of service, Joan Bachmeier was recognized.

Two new awards were introduced this year. Kaleb Wickening received the Emerging Youth Music Minister Award, and Rob Danielson accepted the Emerging Music Minister Award. Other awardees were: Jessica Hicks, Peggy Langenfeld Award; Joan Bachmeier, Rose Comp, and Angela Weber, St. Cecilia Awards for Laity and Fr. Brian Lane, St. Cecilia Award for Clergy.

Fr. Kerry Prendiville spoke eloquently on a pertinent topic as he talked about “Poetry and Sacred Word in Liturgical Music.” Fr. Prendiville is the pastor for St. Therese of the Little Flower Parish.

The next Rapid City Chapter NPM meeting will be on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Rapid City. The day’s meeting will feature Maria Munoz and Toni Wilkins on “Successful Approaches to Music Ministry in a Bilingual and Multicultural Environment,” Amber Larson on “Compiling, Formatting, and Publishing Worship Aids with Copyright Permission,” and Jackie Schnittgrund on “Demonstrating the New National NPM Website in Real Time.” During the business meeting, we will finalize a vote on bilingual songs initially voted on at the October 7th meeting. Based on this final vote, members will be encouraged to incorporate the top four or five songs in our music liturgies.

To register for the January 27th event, contact Pat McDowell at 605.787.0638 or patmcdowell@gmail.com by Monday, January 22, 2017. There is no charge for the event, but we need to know number of attendees for lunch planning.

We encourage all Rapid City Diocese music ministers and clergy to attend quarterly NPM meetings at which education, prayer and fellowship are the focal points. For more information about the Rapid City Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians, go to our website (www.npmrc.org) or Facebook page ([www.facebook.com /NPMRapidCityChapter](https://www.facebook.com/NPMRapidCityChapter)).