



# NPM Rapid City Diocese Fall Newsletter

September/October 2015

## Plan to attend the Fall NPM Event featuring Presenter Lee Gwozdz & St. Cecilia Banquet

Friday, October 16-Saturday, October 17, 2015  
Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City, SD



I am grateful to our local NPM chapter for making this seminar with Lee Gwozdz possible. I encourage all of our musicians and vocalists to take advantage of this opportunity to continue the development of their talents and renewal of their hearts for this important ministry. Please make every effort to attend the program on October 16-17 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City.

~Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss, Bishop of Rapid City

**Look for more details in this newsletter about the Fall NPM event!**

There are many ministries that come together to make the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist the great experience that it is in our Catholic tradition. None of those ministries are more important than the ministry of the musicians. Unlike any other Eucharistic ministry, musicians are there week after week after week. You give your hearts and souls to the praise and worship of the Lord in the building up of the people of God. It is a ministry that oftentimes is not appreciated. Every year the NPM chapter of the Diocese of Rapid City hosts a fall event and the St. Cecilia Banquet. This is an opportunity for musicians from throughout the diocese to come together to be renewed and strengthened in their ministry. It is an opportunity for us to celebrate the great gift God has given to us and our desire to share that gift with our parish communities. I am particularly excited about the fall event and the St. Cecilia Banquet in October. The NPM chapter, in cooperation with the diocese, has invited Lee Gwozdz to come and share his expertise in the area of liturgical music. As you look through the lineup of topics and events that will mark these two days, they are both exciting and interesting. It is not very

often in our small diocese that we have the opportunity to have someone of Mr. Gwozdz's caliber here to share with us the vision and dream of music ministry. I recognize that coming to the fall event and the St. Cecilia Banquet will cost some time and financial resources. I would encourage you to talk with your pastor and ask him to help you make this a reality for your ministry. You work hard in your ministry and you deserve this moment of refreshment and renewal. I hope you will all seriously consider coming to listen to Lee Gwozdz and to rejoice in the gift of music ministry in our diocese.

~Sincerely in Christ, Father Michel Mulloy



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## Friday, October 16, 2015

6:30pm - 7:00pm Registration

7:00pm - 8:00pm "Energizing Music Ministers - Musicality and Movement - LET'S PLAY BALL!"

8:00pm - 8:10pm BREAK

8:10pm - 9:00pm "Sing to the Lord - Music in Divine Worship"

9:00pm Prayer



## Saturday, October 17, 2015

8:30am - 9:00am Registration & Coffee and Donuts

9:00am - 9:15am Prayer and Introductions

9:15am - 10:15am "Vocal Encounters - A Sound Expectation!"

10:15am - BREAK

10:30am - 11:45am "Singing FUNdamentals from Toys, Tone to Text"

11:45am - 1:15pm Banquet (luncheon), Business Meeting and Awards Presentation

1:15pm - 2:15pm "Tried and True - Repertoire for all choirs all Seasons of the Liturgical Year" (*FREE music provided for all attendees*)

2:15pm BREAK

2:30pm - 3:30pm "The Power of Promotion - The Tools of the Trade: Recruiting, Maintaining and Building your Choir Ministry"

3:15pm - 3:30pm Break

3:30pm - 4:30pm Q & A Session

4:30pm Closing Prayer

### **To Register for the Fall NPM Event and the St. Cecilia Banquet:**

Send your name, address, phone number, email address, parish name, any food allergies and a check\* for \$15 per person (for the banquet) to:

Kathy Little, NPM Secretary/Treasurer  
14645 Country Rd.  
Rapid City, SD 57701

***REGISTRATION must be received by: Monday, October 12, 2015***

***Please make checks payable to NPM Rapid City***

*\*Non-Refundable*

Nominations for the St. Cecilia Award and the Peggy Langenfeld Memorial Award, as well as names for our Years of Service Awards must be received by: 10/2/15.



# Lee Gwozdz



*Presenter for the Fall NPM Event - October 16-17, 2015*

Lee Gwozdz is known and respected throughout the United States for his work in the area of youth choirs. He serves as Diocesan Director of Liturgy and Director of Music for the Diocese of Corpus Christi-Corpus Christi Cathedral, Corpus Christi, Texas, and as Executive Director of the Cathedral Concert Series. In addition, he serves as the Executive Director of the Corpus Christi Symphony Society, Inc. Lee is a two-term past member of the Choristers Guild National Board of Directors, and the national board of directors of the Director of Music Ministry Division of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. In June 2015, Lee was appointed president of the American Federation Pueri Cantores (AFPC) by the AFPC Board.

A native of Ft. Worth, Texas, Lee graduated from Texas Christian University, cum laude, with a major in music education and a minor in organ performance. As a student of the late Dr. Ruth Whitlock, Lee hones his skills in vocal music education. Through the Choristers Guild Leadership Training Program, Lee studied with Helen Kemp and John Yarrington. Personal mentoring in choral skills combined the best of Lee's experiences with Paul Salamunovich; Mike Kemp; Ronald Shirey; Lara Hoggard; Bev Hensen, and his colleague at the Cathedral for the past seventeen years, Gregory Labus.

As a festival conductor and clinician, Lee has presented workshops, primarily in the area of his work with children's choirs, throughout the United States. He has served as clinician for the National Choristers Guild summer seminars in both Grand Rapids and Kansas City. In 1987, he conducted the five-hundred-voice choir for the Papal Mass held in San Antonio. In 1993, he served as conductor of the Papal Mass in Denver, conducting over seven hundred young singers for the International World Youth Day Festival.

Excerpt from: <http://www.wlp.jspaluch.com/387.htm>

## **Request for Providing Treats for Fall NPM Event**

We are looking for some assistance in providing treats for the Breaks during the Fall NPM Event - October 16-17, 2015. If you are able to sign up to help with this contact by **10/2/15**:

Christy Leichtnam: [cleicht@rap.midco.net](mailto:cleicht@rap.midco.net) 605-342-8598 or

Terry Schroeder: [thyschroeder@hotmail.com](mailto:thyschroeder@hotmail.com) or 605-341-1143

Friday, October 16 - cookies: St. Francis of Assisi, Sturgis (Joan Bachmeier)

Saturday, October 17 - donuts: ????

Saturday, October 17 - cookies/bars: ????



# Revised Criteria for St. Cecilia Award & Peggy Langenfeld Award

Amended & Approved by NPM Executive Committee 8-16-14

## National Pastoral Musicians Association Principles and Ideals:

The objectives of this association shall be:

1. To provide mutual support for pastoral musicians and clergy.
2. To provide a forum for advocating musical excellence in liturgical celebrations.
3. To assist dioceses and worshipping communities in ongoing liturgical renewal through pastoral music.

## **St. Cecilia Award**

Purpose: This award recognizes one lay person and one clergy member for exceptional contributions to liturgy and music.

Background: Saint Cecilia is the patroness of musicians. It is written that as the musicians played at her wedding she "sang in her heart to the Lord." Her feast day is celebrated in the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, and Eastern Catholic Churches on November 22. She is one of seven women, excluding the Blessed Virgin, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass.

Criteria (nominee need not meet all criteria):

1. NPM national member (preferred).
2. Recognized role in West River music ministry, e.g., director, pianist, organist, pastor, cantor, choir member etc. for 5 years or more.
3. Specific exceptional contribution(s) that enliven music liturgy and aid in developing liturgical resources.
4. Example(s) of providing support to parish musicians, clergy and other worship leaders as the nominee fosters the art of liturgical music.

## **Peggy Langenfeld Award**

Purpose: This award recognizes a person or organization who has promoted NPM and chapter activities in an extraordinary way.

Background: This award memorializes Peggy Langenfeld who dedicated her life to good music in church worship. She developed tremendous resources and provided support to parish musicians, clergy, and other worship leaders in fostering the art of liturgical music. In addition, Peggy was the person most instrumental in starting the Rapid City NPM Chapter.

Criteria (nominee need not meet all criteria):

1. NPM national member (preferred).
2. Regular NPM attendance.
3. Participation in one or more meeting programs.
4. Current or past officer in Rapid City NPM Chapter.
5. Promotion of NPM at parish and diocesan level.

**RAPID CITY CHAPTER OF NPM – 2015 NOMINATION FORM**

Name and Parish of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information for Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate award nominating individual for: \_\_\_\_\_ St. Cecilia Award \_\_\_\_\_ Peggy Langenfeld Award

Please provide an explanation of why he or she deserves this award (please feel free to attach an additional page if needed):

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Sincerely, Name/Parish of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail nominations to: Kathy Little, NPM Secretary/Treasurer, 14645 Country Rd.,  
 Rapid City, SD 57701 or email information to: [lovingtrust@live.com](mailto:lovingtrust@live.com)

**Nominations MUST be received on or BEFORE Friday, October 2, 2015.**

**Past St. Cecilia Award Recipients**

Msgr. Michael Woster - 2003	Fr. Bill Zandri - 2007	Fauneil Keller - 2012
Margaret Thompson - 2003	Mary Ann Rasmussen - 2007	Fr. Mark McCormick - 2013
Fr. Michel Mulloy - 2004, 2010	Fr. Peter Kovarik - 2008	Jacqueline Schnittgrund - 2013
Colleen Mahrt - 2004	Maria Munoz - 2008	Peg Westrich - 2013
Fr. Bryan Sorensen - 2005	Barry Furze - 2010	Fr. Timothy Castor - 2014
Myron Volk - 2005	Fr. Ed Vanorny - 2011	Vicki Covey - 2014
Msgr. William O'Connell - 2006	Brenda Schneller - 2011	
Pat Weber - 2006	Fr. Brian Christensen - 2012	

**Past Peggy Langenfeld Award Recipients**

Jacqueline Schnittgrund - 2004, 2010	Sue Englin - 2007	Julie Gray - 2013
Sr. Eleanor Solon - 2005	Tammy Schnittgrund - 2008	Blessed Sacrament Church & Staff - 2014
Mary Therese Kaiser Aberle - 2006	Joan Bachmeier - 2010	
	Shirley Gross - 2011	

**CERTIFICATES OF YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Name and Parish of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information for Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate years of service to ministry of Music: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a description of his/her contribution to the ministry of music (please feel free to attach an additional page if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely, Name/Parish of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Past Recipients of Certificates of Years of Service to the Ministry of Music**

<b><u>25 Years</u></b>	Sue White	Roy Brumbaugh	Lorraine Ptacek	Gwen Healey
Kristine Engelhardt	Marilyn Brumbaugh	Lynn Moran	Jane Abernathy	Terry Hodorff
Jim Blackwell	Bob Scherer	Ann Foster	Claire Ryan	Mary Marso
Sherry Blackwell	Jim Hulm, Sr.	Betty Holliday	Jeanne Fischer	Mary Mickley
Bob Case	Andy Aberle	Marge Tennyson	Brenda Schneller	Marcia Murray
Renee Coldwell	Donna Quinn	Marlene Biegler	Jessica Ten Eyck	Tammy Pacheco-Bahr
Joan Bachmeier	Sheila Schweitzer	Mary Harris	Martha Cook	Diane Rutstein
Bonnie Josten	Bonnie Yucker	Margaret Linkslov	Harriet Vickerman	Tammy Schnittgrund
Tom Heffernana	Greg Theissen	Marcia Linkslov	Julie Gray	Patty Schuh
Mary Koenig	Glenda Miller	Myron Volk	Jeanne Schneider	Amy Spears
Charlotte Pistulka	Bill Evans	Carman Timmerman	Marty Mahrt	Linda Thomas
Margie McTighe	Teresa Spiess	Anne Lyon	Rosemary Connot	Tim Thomas
Pat Carda	Brian Spiess	Margaret Anderson	Mary Erz	
<b><u>40 Years</u></b>	Madonna Opbroek	Holly Waddell	Cheryl Lawrence	Jeanine Gerlach
Barb Hendrickson	Modesta Opbroek	Terry Schroeder	Don Covey	Lorraine Ptacek
Mary Ann Rasmussen	Nancy Frey	Ken Jimmerson	Vicki Covey	
Sue Lloyd Davies	JoAnn Wegner	Doris Rysavy	Kakie Dewell	
Donna Raterman	Joan Bachmeier	Shirley Gross	Ken Dewell	
<b><u>50 years</u></b>	Rita Pistulka	Regina Thrall	Sue Englin	Mary Krupka
Janece Rieman	Kathy Pelly	Mary Ann Wiskur	Jacqueline Schnittgrund	Thomasetta Kuhl
Dee Pickerts	Fauneil Keller	Barry Furze	Beth Audette	Ken Jimmerson
Pat Koenig	Betty Zacher	Lynn Moran	Geraldine DeMers	
Twila Schuler	Lon Arthur	Poncho Torres	Anne Foster	
	Mary Therese Aberle	Marge Waterman	Janice Kraft	



## Musical Variety Marks National Pastoral Musicians Summer Meeting

What a difference a week makes. About seven days after the 75<sup>th</sup> Sturgis Rally, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Sturgis hosted NPM's August 15<sup>th</sup> summer meeting.

After Morning Prayer, we listened to an impressive variety of duets: piano (Cleone Mayclin and Cynthia Aldrich), piano and organ with vocal (Barry Furze and Valerie Hawkins with Sue Lloyd), piano and organ and synthesizer (Terry Schroeder and Anne Foster), violin (Anthony Nesland and Elizabeth Nesland), flute and violin (Mary Ann Downs and Tammy Schnittgrund).

Following the duets, the attendees had an opportunity to sight read a number of anthems offered to the group by Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Blessed Sacrament and St. Francis of Assisi. The array of anthems gave us the chance to listen to what other music ministers are singing in their parishes.

After a morning of music, we ate lunch. St. Francis of Assisi volunteers prepared a delicious meal that was funded by the parish's Altar Society.

Following lunch, we held the NPM Rapid City Chapter business meeting. At this meeting, the floor was opened to nominations for the offices of Co-directors/Coordinators for Planning (currently held by Jackie Schnittgrund and Carman Timmerman), Assistant Director for Recruitment (currently held by Jessica Hicks) and Coordinators for Koinania (currently held by Terry Schroeder and Christy Leichtnam). The current officers were reelected.

The day's last segment focused on a video featuring Carman Timmerman interviewing St. Cecilia Award winners who are all St. Francis of Assisi musicians: Joan Bachmeier, Barry Furze, Mary Ann Rasmussen and Myron Volk. After seeing the interview, members commented they felt they knew these distinguished musician leaders much better. We closed the day with prayer. Teresa Spiess led us in singing the Chaplet of Divine Mercies.



### Contact Information for 2015 NPM Rapid City Chapter Executive Board

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<p>Have you, or someone you know been involved in Catholic Music Ministry for 25 (or more), 40 (or more), or 50 (and more) years?</p> <p>We want to recognize you for all your years of dedication to pastoral music! Submit your name and years for service to receive a certificate at the annual NPM St. Cecilia Banquet on October 17, 2015.</p> <p><b>Let us know ON or BEFORE Friday, October 2, 2015.</b> Mail name for certificate to Kathy Little, 14645 Country Rd., Rapid City, SD 57701 or email to <a href="mailto:lovingtrust@live.com">lovingtrust@live.com</a></p>
<p><b>Upcoming NPM Events</b></p>
<p>January 2016 (tentative)</p> <p>Winter NPM Event &amp; NPM Business Meeting</p> <p>St. Patrick's Church, Lead, SD</p>