



# NPM Rapid City Diocese Winter Newsletter

January/February 2017

## Winter Directors' Letter

On a warm October 15th, NPM members met at the Terra Sancta Retreat Center in Rapid City. An apt place to gather for a retreat and an awards luncheon.

About 40 people participated in a retreat directed by two gifted guides: Sandi Ohlen, MS, LPC, and Sr. Lorane Coffin, OSB. In the morning segment of the retreat, Sandi spoke about "Rhythm, Rest, and Wonder," the heart of living daily in joy, peace, and intimate relationship with our loving Lord. We learned about experiencing the Martha and Mary parts of ourselves as we prayed in practical ways to sustain our daily rhythm and to draw us into rest and wonder. In the afternoon segment, Sr. Lorane talked about "Breaking Bread" in which she discussed how the songs we sing at Communion can tie our personal experiences to scriptural images and may help us ponder the rich theology of the Eucharist. We did some "reverse lectio" to make those images come alive.

During our luncheon, attendees learned who had received various NPM awards. Recognized for years of liturgical music service were Jessica Hicks (25 years), Christine Leichtnam (40 years), Terry Schroeder (50 years) and Valerie Hawkins (50 years). Carman Timmerman received the Peggy Langenfeld Award that recognizes one lay person and one clergy member for exceptional contributions to liturgy and music. Terry Schroeder and Christy Leichtnam received the St. Cecilia Award for laity, while Fr. Matt Fallgren received the St. Cecilia Award for clergy. The St. Cecilia Award recognizes a person or organization who has promoted NPM and chapter activities in an extraordinary way.



### SAVE THE DATE – Winter Meeting February 4, 2017 in Piedmont

The next NPM event is Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Our Lady of the Black Hills Church in Piedmont. At that meeting, we will learn about the new marriage rite from Fr. Michel Mulloy. He will present an overview of this rite (New Order of Christian Matrimony), and he will highlight points of interest that are new, emphasized or changed in this new ritual. He will also share music guidelines for weddings. This presentation will be helpful for musicians, liturgists and those who help couples prepare their wedding ceremony.

In addition to Fr. Mulloy's presentation, singers from parishes Sacred Heart (Philip), St. John the Baptist (Custer), Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Rapid City), Blessed Sacrament (Rapid City) and others will present a variety of wedding psalm settings. These psalm settings will come from sources **other than** Respond & Acclaim. With these settings, you'll be able to present some truly beautiful psalm options to your cantors and wedding couples. The titles, composers and publishers will be provided at the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting for easy future reference.

Pique your interest? Come to the February 4, 2017 meeting to learn more. There is no fee for the meeting but in order to have an accurate lunch count, please register with Pat McDowell, NPM Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, at [patmcdowell44@gmail.com](mailto:patmcdowell44@gmail.com) or (605) 341-2174.

Hoping that you have had a blessed Christmas season enriched by your gift of music,

Carman Timmerman on behalf of Jackie Schnittgrund and Carman Timmerman, Co-directors Rapid City NPM Chapter

## Don't Miss Chorus Angelorum on Friday, January 20, 2017!

Chorus Angelorum, a choir from Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, has been selected to perform at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at the Mid-Winter ACDA (American Choral Directors' Association) Convention. They along with several other singing groups will be performing at a concert on Friday, January 20 starting at 7PM. Attendance is free and all are welcome to attend.





# Winter NPM Event



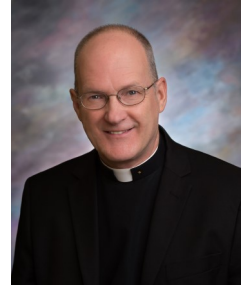
Saturday, February 4, 2017  
at Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont, SD

## Schedule for the Day

9:30am-10:00am Registration and refreshments

10:00am-10:20am Welcome and prayer

10:20am-12:15pm Fr. Michel Mulloy will present an overview of the **New Order of Christian Matrimony**. He will highlight points of interest that are new, emphasized or changed in this new ritual. Father will also share with those attending, music guidelines for weddings. This presentation would be helpful for **musicians, liturgists and those who help couples prepare their wedding ceremony**.



12:15pm-12:45pm Lunch

12:45pm-1:15pm Business Meeting

1:15pm-2:15pm **Wedding Psalms**-Several parishes will demonstrate wedding psalms other than Respond and Acclaim (OCP). A handout with titles, composers, and publishers will be available for future reference.

2:15pm-2:30pm Prayer

**Please RSVP/Register** (for lunch count):

Pat McDowell, NPM Chapter Secretary/Treasurer at [patmcdowell44@gmail.com](mailto:patmcdowell44@gmail.com) or (605) 341-2174 by **Monday, January 30, 2017**.

## Congratulations to Tammy Schnittgrund



Recently, Tammy Schnittgrund has been named National Chair of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Cantor Steering Committee; she will assume responsibilities January 1. The mission statement for the Committee is as follows: The purpose of the Cantor Interest Section is to assist cantors to grow in the spiritual qualities, the liturgical knowledge, and the musical skills needed to fulfill their specific role as ministers of music serving the liturgical prayer of the assembly. The committee serves the needs of approximately 2400 cantors across the nation and abroad.

ate and Cantor Colleague Certificates (ICC and CCC), as well as implementing live adjudication of the certificates at the annual national convention. She currently serves as national administrator of the ICC. In conjunction with her new appointment, Tammy will also be a member of the NPM Council which advises the governing Board of Directors.

Tammy Schnittgrund is a graduate of Northern State University (BS) and the University of Montana (MA). She has taught elementary and middle school orchestra in the Rapid City Area Schools for twenty-one years and is the Director of Strings at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. In addition to her work with orchestras, Ms. Schnittgrund has been a member of and occasional director for "Chorus Angelorum" at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City, SD.

For the past eight years, Ms. Schnittgrund has served on the committee. Her work has included collaborating with other members to revamp the Basic Cantor Certificate (BCC), the creation of both the Intermedi-

# Congratulations to the 2016 NPM Award Winners

## Peggy Langenfeld Award

Carman Timmerman



## St. Cecilia Award for Clergy

Fr. Matt Fallgren



## St. Cecilia Award for Laity

Christine Leichtnam



## St. Cecilia Award for Laity

Terry Schroeder



## Years of Service Award Winners 2016

Jessica Hicks (25 years)

Terry Schroeder (50 years)

Christine Leichtnam (40 years)

Valerie Hawkins (50 years)

## Information on Spring NPM Rapid City Chapter Event - 4/1/17



Dr. Nancy Roberts is an associate professor of voice, opera and music education at Black Hills State University. She received her Doctorate in voice from the University of Kansas where she was a regular with Kansas University Opera Theater. Dr. Roberts has performed roles in many operas, musicals and plays, including "The Mother in Amahl and the Night Visitors" at The Matthews Opera House. Her students have placed first in both the South Dakota MTNA (Music Teachers National Association) competitions and the South Dakota NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) competitions. She has given many master classes, including the 2012 MTNA competition in Aberdeen. Dr. Roberts received her Master's in voice from Indiana University and a Bachelor's in voice from William Jewell College.


On April 1 at St. Joseph's parish in Spearfish, we will be privileged to hear Dr. Nancy Roberts present "Good Vocal Production and Vocal Health." These are skills every singer will find beneficial as well as their directors. Rarely do we have an opportunity to host such an esteemed presenter so please mark your calendars.  
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<b>National NPM Events</b>	
<p>While Dr. Roberts is speaking to us, Tamy Schnittgrund will be offering cantor certification. Tamy has recently been appointed to the position of Chair, NPM Cantor Steering Committee for the nation (see enclosed article). For more information regarding cantor certification, please go to <a href="http://www.npm.org">www.npm.org</a>. All requirements and levels of certification are available at this location. We hope to include cantor certification information on our website soon (<a href="http://www.npmrc.org">www.npmrc.org</a>).</p> <p>Tamy will also be offering an afternoon session on psalms outside of "Respond and Acclaim." Although the psalms in R&amp;A are very usable, there are other sources that are available that may bring additional beauty to your liturgies. This is a session that can be extremely beneficial to your cantors and worship.</p>	
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