



NPM Rapid City Diocese Winter Newsletter

December 2013/January 2014



Winter NPM Event

Saturday, January 11, 2014
at St. Patrick Church in Wall, SD

Schedule for the Day

9:30am-10:00am Registration

10:00am-10:15am Morning Prayer

10:15am-10:20am Welcome

10:20am-11:20am Christmas in January - Christmas music from various choirs and ensembles for your review

11:20am-11:30am Break

11:30am-12:15pm Working Successfully with Small Church Ensembles - Presented by Julie Gray and Company

12:15pm-12:45pm Lunch

12:45pm-1:00pm NPM Winter Business Meeting

1:00pm-2:00pm Panel Discussion: How to Recruit and Maintain a Church Choir/ Ensemble

2:00pm-2:15pm Closing Prayer

Please RSVP (for free lunch) by **Wednesday, January 8, 2014** to:
Julie Gray, 605-574-2795



Calling for
NPM Memorabilia



Our newly appointed NPM Historian, Kerry Peters, is working to fill in the gaps of our NPM Rapid City Chapter Scrapbook. If you have any pictures, handouts, or award information from any year from our NPM meetings or celebrations, please mail or email them to: Kerry Peters, P.O. Box 255, Hot Springs, SD 57747 or imagebykerry@hotmail.com

NPM Rapid City Chapter News

Highlights from the 2013 St. Cecilia Banquet and a Look to the Winter NPM Event in Wall

On Nov. 16, the Rapid City Chapter of NPM (National Association of Pastoral Musicians) celebrated its 25th year as a chapter. Fr. Michel Mulloy reviewed many events that had transpired through the NPM chapter as he was one of the founders. Bishop Gruss spoke to those gathered about music ministry and its importance to the liturgy. Christy Leichtnam and Terry Schroeder presented a musical review of the past twenty-five years. After the luncheon, including a beautifully decorated anniversary cake, awards were given. Former officers and award recipients were honored while gifts were presented to officers who had just left the board. Service certificates were presented to 25, 40, and 50 years involvement in music ministry. The Peggy Langenfeld NPM Memorial Award went to Julie Gray for her outstanding service to NPM. Fr. Mark McCormick was given the St. Cecilia Award for Clergy due to his tremendous support of music in the liturgy and music ministers. Peg Westrich and Jacqueline Schnittgrund were co-recipients of the St. Cecilia Award for Laity for their outstanding roles in music ministry. Taped interviews were shown of former award winners as well as a slide show representing various events throughout the twenty-five years of NPM activities.

All music ministers and clergy throughout the diocese are encouraged to attend NPM meetings. Education is the main focus as well as prayer and fellowship. The next NPM meeting will be in Wall on Jan. 11. The topics will be as follows: Christmas In January-Hear music that you may want to use next year from various choirs and ensembles; Techniques for Small Ensembles-Julie Gray; How to Recruit and Maintain Choirs and Ensemble from a panel of music leaders moderated by Carman Timmerman. If you plan to attend, please call Julie Gray at 605-574-2795 by Jan. 8 for your free luncheon reservation.



Congratulations to the 2013 NPM Award Winners



Peggy Langenfeld Award

**Julie
Gray**

(pictured with Jacqueline Schnittgrund)



St. Cecilia Award for Laity

**Peg
Westrich**

(pictured with Fr. Michel Mulloy)



St. Cecilia Award for Laity

**Jacqueline
Schnittgrund**

(pictured with Carman Timmerman)

St. Cecilia Award for Clergy

Fr. Mark McCormick

Years of Service Awards to the Ministry of Music
**Martin Mahrt, Cheryl Lawrence, Sue Englin,
Marge Waterman, Jacqueline Schnittgrund**

Upcoming Events

NPM Spring Event in Belle Fourche - March 22, 2014

Calling all cantors! In March, our NPM meeting in Belle Fourche on March 22 will offer you an opportunity to apply for Basic Cantor Certification. This is a follow-up from last year's cantor workshop. Certification was offered several years ago at the Cathedral and Black Hawk. It's time to do it again! If you have not been certified, this is a great opportunity. In the morning, we will go over the requirements and rehearse. Later, you will present your psalms and complete a short written test. It is not only a time to be certified in your ministry but will also serve as a learning experience. All cantors who are not currently certified, should consider applying; however, if you ARE certified as a Basic Cantor and would like to apply for Intermediate Cantor Certification, call for an individual test. All inquiries should be addressed to Tammy Schnittgrund at 718-2221. Additional information may be obtained on the national website (<http://www.npm.org/Sections/Cantor/cantorcertification.htm>).

37th Annual National NPM Convention in St. Louis, MO - July 14-18, 2014

See NPM website for more information: www.npm.org



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