



NPM Rapid City Diocese Winter Newsletter

January 2016

Winter 2016 Directors' Letter

Dear Fellow NPM members,

Remember that Teddy Bears song with the lyrics, "To know, know, know him is to love him?" Well, that's how I felt about Lee Gwozdz's workshop on October 16th and 17th. If you attended the fall event, you may have had similar feelings. The feedback was very positive, as well it should have been. In his humorous way, Lee taught us and inspired us. About energizing music ministers, music in divine worship, using toys to improve vocal technique, all-seasons liturgical music repertoire and building one's choir. And then of course there was the celebration of musicians who've contributed to West River Catholic liturgical music, recognized by length and excellence of service. All in all, a great couple of days for West River liturgical musicians.

What's next? You'll find out if you come to our Winter Meeting in Lead at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, January 23rd. In small groups, we'll talk about what we learned from Lee Gwozdz and how we might use these lessons learned in our own parishes. From five parishes, we will hear their interpretations of various Mass settings (see program schedule for specifics). To finish the day, musicians from these same five parishes will inspire us with canon and round selections.

In March, join us in Philip. We'll meet on March 5th at Sacred Heart Church. Fr. Kevin Achbach will give us a priest's perspective on the direction sacred music should lead us. And we will sing, sight-reading a selection of OCP music. Even better, we get to take an OCP packet home with us—no charge! Lastly, Jackie Schnittgrund will provide some tips on incorporating various instruments in the liturgy—a musical enhancement and an effective recruiting tactic.

June, think festival at the Rapid City Cathedral. Mark your calendar for the evening of June 9th and the day of June 10th to immerse yourself in an NPM Choir Festival under the direction of Clayton and Nelly Southwick. You don't want to miss this one.

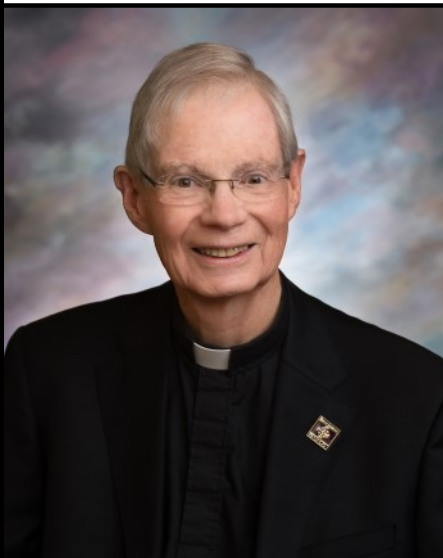
As I write this, we are all in the midst of preparing for Christmas. A lot to juggle, what with parties, presents and family. At the core is our spiritual preparation for this holy celebration. As music ministers, you share your time and talent with your parishes to enrich their participation in our Catholic liturgy. Thank you, bless you and see you next year.

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



2015 St. Cecilia Award for Clergy:

Posthumously awarded to Monsignor William O'Connell



Monsignor William O'Connell posthumously received the 2015 St. Cecilia Award for Clergy for his 58 years of service and leadership for the Diocese of Rapid City. He directly or indirectly influenced the work of liturgical musicians through the work of his daily priestly life and through the impact that two entities that he started, the *West River Catholic* and Catholic Social Services. It was obvious to those who participated in Monsignor's planned requiem Mass that he valued the role of music in the liturgy. This esteem was demonstrated by his attention to the multicultural musical inclusion in his requiem Mass, namely Hispanic singers, Native American drummers and traditional Catholic music liturgy. A donation was made to Catholic Social Services in memory of Monsignor O'Connell.



Winter NPM Event

Saturday, January 23, 2016
at St. Patrick's Church in Lead, SD

Schedule for the Day

9:30 – 10:00 AM	Registration/Donuts/Coffee	
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Welcome and Morning Prayer	
10:15 – 11:15 AM	Small Group Discussions: What We Learned from Lee Gwozdz's Workshop	
11:15 – 11:25 AM	Break	
11:25 AM – 12:15 PM	Mass Setting Presentations	
	Chant—St Francis of Assisi, Sturgis	
	Heritage—Holy Cross, Timber Lake	
	Christ the Savior—Spiritus from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City	
	Creation—Joyful Sounds from Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City	
	Renewal—St. Patrick, Lead	
12:15 – 12:45 PM	Lunch	
12:45 – 1:00 PM	NPM Business Meeting	
1:00 – 1:45 PM	Rounds or Canons	
	St Francis of Assisi, Sturgis	
	Holy Cross, Timber Lake	
	Spiritus from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City	
	Joyful Sounds from Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City	
	St. Patrick, Lead	
1:45 – 2:00 PM	Closing Prayer—Our Lady of Perpetual Help	



Please RSVP (for lunch count) by **Monday, January 18, 2016** to:

Kathy Little (605) 484-7817 or lovingtrust@live.com

Cantor/Musician Workshop Held in November 2015

A Deanery 5 meeting was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Timber Lake November 14, 2015. The day planned was to enhance the knowledge for everyone involved in Music Ministry. The presenters were Teresa and Brian Spiess of Rapid City. Fr. Bryan Sorensen brought up the topic many months ago and when the day finally arrived, there was great anticipation of advancing our musical skills.

Timber Lake is very fortunate to have seven cantors, two are certified. The others have grown in the Ministry of Music without any formal training.

The day started with Morning Prayer. What a perfect way to start the wonderful day. Topics on the agenda included: How Music Leads Liturgy, Cantor as Prayer Leader, How to Prepare for Mass, The Spirituality of Cantoring. These

topics were addressed in the morning. The presentation pertained to anyone involved in Choir/Cantors/Organists/Guitarists.

The afternoon was dedicated to Cantoring Techniques. Ways to improve projecting the Psalm from the Ambo, involving the Assembly in the response. Each Cantor was able to present a psalm and positive instruction was provided by Teresa.

Brian Spiess instructed the Guitarists in the group on ways to improve their presentation of Music at Mass.

This was a wonderful day of learning for all that attended. Plans are in the making to have a second workshop early 2016. Teresa and Brian Spiess were marvelous. What talent we have in our Diocese!

Congratulations to the 2015 NPM Award Winners

Peggy Langenfeld Award

Kathy Little



St. Cecilia Award for Laity

Marilyn & Roy Brumbaugh



St. Cecilia Award for Laity

Julie Laurenti



St. Cecilia Award for Laity

Toni Wilkins



Years of Service Award Winners 2015

25 Years of Service

Cindy Biegler
Ann Crance
Jim Hulm Jr.
Colleen Keller

Holly Keller

Shaun McVey
Glenda Nemec
Ken Quinn
Sheila Scherer

Roger Severson

Ray Tehle
Deb Voller

50 Years of Service

Colleen Mahrt
Phyllis Wheeler





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39th Annual National NPM Convention

March 5, 2016

Sacred Heart Church - Phillip, SD

NPM Spring Event

January 23, 2016

St. Patrick's Church - Lead, SD

NPM Winter Event

Upcoming Events