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

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

### Winter NPM Event

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

### 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
Upcoming Events

Visit www.nmrc.org for more information!

March 5, 2016
Sacred Heart Church - Phillip, SD
NPM Spring Event

July 11-16, 2016
Houston, TX
39th Annual National NPM Convention

January 23, 2016
St. Patrick’s Church - Lead, SD
NPM Winter Event