



NPM Rapid City Diocese Spring Newsletter

February/March 2014



Spring NPM Event

Saturday, March 22, 2014

At St. Paul Church in Belle Fourche

847 6th Ave, Belle Fourche, SD 57717

Calling all cantors! 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>).

Schedule for the Day - March 22, 2014

8:30am-9:00am Registration
9:00am-9:15am Prayer and Welcome
9:15am-10:30am Just the Basics—A Step by Step guide to the Basic Cantor Certification (BCC) and other certificates and Psalm Review as a group
10:30am-10:45am Break
10:45am-12:00pm Master Class and Written Test Administered
12:00pm-12:30pm Lunch
12:30pm-12:45pm NPM Spring Business Meeting
12:45pm-3:15pm Live Basic Cantor Certification ** (*see enclosed application—bring it with you on March 22*)
3:15pm-3:30pm Closing Prayer

Please **RSVP** (for free lunch) by **Wednesday, March 19, 2014** to: Julie Gray, 605-574-2795 or gray5095@goldenwest.net

*** Basic Cantor Certification costs \$25 plus national NPM membership. The cantors will fill out the applications and pay the fee at the live adjudication on March 22. Cantors need to be a member of NPM or their Church must be a member. A membership number is necessary. To view various NPM memberships go to <https://www.npm.org/member2.html>.*

***Because Tammy Schnittgrund is a member of the NPM Steering Committee, she is able to conduct live adjudications with another qualified judge in attendance. No videotaping will occur on March 22, judging will be live.*

Wall Hosts NPM Winter Meeting

About thirty music ministers gathered at St. Patrick's Church in Wall to share and learn about music liturgy. After Morning Prayer, the attendees enjoyed Christmas in January music from four groups: St. Therese of the Little Flower (Rapid City), St. Francis of Assisi (Sturgis), Joyful Sounds Choir of Blessed Sacrament (Rapid City) and a male quartet from Chorus Angelorum Choir of Blessed Sacrament (Rapid City).

Later in the morning, St. Rose of Lima (Hill City) music liturgists talked about working with small church ensembles. The attendees learned about the formation of this church's musical group and about effective strategies to make the most out of a small number of singers and instrumentalists.

After a delicious lunch prepared by members of St. Patrick's parish, a panel discussed various ways to recruit and maintain a church choir or ensemble. The attendees learned some approaches that could be applied to large or small musical groups.

All music ministers and clergy throughout the Rapid City Diocese are encouraged to attend quarterly NPM meetings. The emphases of these meetings are education, prayer and fellowship. The next NPM meeting will be Saturday, March 22nd at St. Paul's Church in Belle Fourche. Cantor certification conducted by Tammy Schnittgrund, NPM Cantor Adjudicator, will be the program focus for the March meeting. For more information about this meeting and cantor certification, go to www.npmrc.org. Register for this NPM event by calling or emailing Julie Gray 605-574-2795 or gray5095@goldenwest.net



Pictures from the Winter 2014 NPM Event



Upcoming Events

Summer NPM Event at OLPH in Rapid City, SD - June 14, 2014

To include: Breakout sessions for Keyboard, Organ, Guitar, Conducting, & Vocal

More details soon on our website: www.npmrc.org

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

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




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