



NPM Rapid City Diocese Winter Newsletter

January 2015



Winter NPM Event

Saturday, January 31, 2015
at St. Anthony's Church in Hot Springs, SD

Schedule for the Day

9:30am-10:00am Registration/Donuts/Coffee
10:00am-10:15am Welcome & Morning Prayer
10:15am-11:00am Conducting from the Keyboard
11:00am-11:10am Break
11:10am-12:00pm Youth in Music Ministry - Presented by Teresa Spiess
12:00pm-12:30pm Lunch
12:30pm-12:45pm NPM Winter Business Meeting
12:45pm-1:45pm Planning Strategies - Presented by Jackie Schnittgrund
1:45pm-2:00pm Closing Prayer

Please RSVP (for lunch count) by **Monday, January 26, 2015** to:

Kathy Little 484-7817 or lovingtrust@live.com

NPM Rapid City Chapter Remembers Fr. Peter Kovarik



West River liturgical musicians mourn the death of Fr. Peter Kovarik. His untimely passing is a loss to the current and past parishes he served, his priest community and his family. Fr. Kovarik's contribution to West River liturgical music was recognized in 2008 when he received the St. Cecilia Award for Clergy. As you recall, the recipient of the St. Cecilia Award is a person who makes exceptional contributions to liturgy and music—and Fr. Peter did that. In one musician's words, "He always encouraged us to find ways to fall more deeply in love with God. I believe he felt music was one way to do that by praising God in prayer through song. He is missed."

NPM Rapid City Chapter News		
National Pastoral Musicians Celebrate St. Cecilia & Peggy Langenfeld Legacy		
<p>On October 4, 2014, the Rapid City Chapter of NPM (National Pastoral Musicians) held its fall meeting at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Meeting highlights were awards presentations and educational programs.</p> <p>The morning education started with an overview of the significance of St. Cecilia in Catholic music liturgy followed by a Love Theme Concert. Music for this concert was provided by Blessed Sacrament Chorus Angelorum choir, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Spiritus choir, Amber LeFaive, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Director of Music Liturgy and Blessed Sacrament Joyful Sound choir. Next on the morning's program was a presentation by Fr. Timothy Castor on "The Importance of Music at Liturgy." Following this presentation, Fr. Castor commissioned the musicians.</p> <p>Following lunch and a business meeting, awards and recognition of years-of-service were announced. The Peggy Langenfeld Award memorializes the late Peggy Langenfeld who dedicated her life to good music in church worship. Blessed Sacrament Church received the award because this church and its staff have "promoted NPM and chapter activities in an extraordinary way." The St. Cecilia Award recognizes one lay person and one clergy member for exceptional contributions to liturgy and music. Vicki Covey of Immaculate Conception Church in Winner was the lay person recipient of the St. Cecilia Award. Fr. Timothy Castor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Sturgis was recognized as the clergy member to receive the St. Cecilia Award.</p> <p>In July of this year, a number of Rapid City Chapter members attended the 37th Annual National NPM Convention in St. Louis. These convention attendees (Amber LeFaive, Christy Leichtnam, Jackie Schnittgrund and Tammy Schnittgrund) participated in a panel discussion moderated by Carman Timmerman focusing on convention impressions and education.</p> <p>All music ministers and clergy in the Rapid City Diocese are encouraged to attend NPM meetings. Education, prayer and fellowship are the focal points of our meetings. Our next meeting will be January 31, 2015 in Hot Springs. Educational topics include: conducting from the keyboard, youth in music ministry and planning strategies. If you plan to attend the January 31st meeting, please contact Kathy Little at 605.484.7817 or lovingtrust@live.com by January 26, 2015 to confirm your complimentary luncheon reservation.</p>		
Years of Service Award Winners 2014		
<u>25 Years</u>	Tammy Schnittgrund	Jeanine Gerlach
Rosemary Connot	Patty Schuh	Lorraine Ptacek
Mary Erz	Amy Spears	
Gwen Healey	Linda Thomas	<u>50 Years or More</u>
Terry Hodorff	Tim Thomas	Beth Audette
Mary Marso		Geraldine DeMers
Mary Mickley	<u>40 Years</u>	Anne Foster
Marcia Murray	Don Covey	Janice Kraft
Tammy Pacheco-Bahr	Vicki Covey	Mary Krupka
Diane Rutstein	Kakie Dewell	Thomasetta Kuhl
	Ken Dewell	Ken Jimmerson

Congratulations to the 2014 NPM Award Winners



St. Cecilia Award for Clergy
Fr. Timothy Castor
(pictured with Carman Timmerman)



St. Cecilia Award for Laity
Vicki Covey
(pictured with Carman Timmerman & Jacqueline Schnittgrund)



Peggy Langenfeld Award
Blessed Sacrament Church & Staff

Years of Service Award Winners 2014

All recipients of award not pictured





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Upcoming Events	<div><p>NPM Spring Event Martin, SD March 14, 2015</p><p>National NPM Convention Grand Rapids, Michigan July 6-10, 2015</p></div>