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**NPM Summer Meeting – Saturday, June 5, 2021**  
**St. Anthony's Church, Hot Springs**

9:30 – 10:00am	Registration & Refreshments
10:00 – 10:15am	Welcome – Fr. Grant Gerlach
10:15 – 10:30am	Morning Prayer (St. Isaac Jogues)
10:30 – 11:20am	<i>Sing To The Lord</i> – Fr. Grant Gerlach
11:30 – 12:15pm	Formation/Implementation of Liturgy Committees – Peggy Lovrien
12:15 – 12:45pm	Lunch
12:40 – 1:00pm	Business Meeting
1:00 – 1:20pm	Sage on Stage – Terry Schroeder
1:30 – 2:30pm	Taize: Overview & Prayer Service – Brad Blauvelt



Because of concern with ongoing pandemic conditions, we will ensure masks are available for any who wish to wear one. All presenters will have a microphone, so as to be clearly heard (in either the church or the parish center), to allow for attendees to practice social-distancing. We are also looking into providing bagged/boxed lunches, to minimize handling of food for our attendees.

To ensure an accurate lunch count, please RSVP to James Washabaugh ([jpwasha@rushmore.com](mailto:jpwasha@rushmore.com); 605-342-6300) before Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

**Rapid City NPM Chapter – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fun Facts!**

In commemoration of our Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, we will share both some historical fun facts and some pictures from past NPM events in this newsletter and in other updates through the remainder of the year. Enjoy the memories!

**1979** –Rapid City NPM Chapter established; founders include Peggy Langenfeld, Therese Kaiser, Margaret Thompson, Jackie Schnittgrund. First meeting featured a presentation by Fr. Eugene Walsh on liturgy. The chapter disbanded in 1983, but was later reinstated in Dec 1988.

**1994** – Regional Convention in Bismarck; Rapid City NPM Chapter leads morning prayer.

**2001** – Begin tradition of commissioning music ministers.

**2006** – Choir Festival with Dr. Tom Porter

More fun facts to come through the remainder of the year!

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**2021 Rapid City Chapter NPM Silent Auction**

**Fall Meeting October 9, 2021**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City**

*We need your auction items!*

*Clothes, jewelry, crafts, canned goods, décor, services –*

*You name it, we'll sell it!*

Here's how you can participate:

Bring your auction items for display and bidding to one of these NPM meetings:

June 5, 2021 (Hot Springs) or October 9, 2021 (OLPH)

Final bidding will occur at the October 9 meeting.

Email a description (and photo if possible) of the auction item(s) you intend to bring to the auction to Carman Timmerman at [carmantimmerman@gmail.com](mailto:carmantimmerman@gmail.com).



**2018 Silent Auction**

***Christ: Broken, Shared, Sent***

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual NPM National Convention**

**(Hybrid Convention Format, offering both in-person and virtual events)**

**July 27-30, 2021**

**New Orleans, LA**

**Go to [npm.org/2021-annual-convention](http://npm.org/2021-annual-convention) to register.**

Directors Letter – May 2021

Greetings to all! It's been a long time since our last newsletter, and we've now gone over 15 months since our last quarterly meeting. How we've missed seeing you – visiting, sharing, laughing, learning, and above all, raising our voices together in song!

The pandemic has affected each of us in one way or another, including how we've been able to serve in our ministry in our parish liturgies. The 'getting back to normal' stage for music in our worship has been a slow, but steady process. We are so grateful to see COVID cases trending in an overall downward pattern across the state, while vaccination counts are increasing. Because of these encouraging trends, and in light of Bishop Peter's recent reinstatement of the general obligation to attend Mass, we are thrilled to announce the resumption of our quarterly meetings this summer!

We will hold our Summer NPM meeting on Saturday, June 5, at St. Anthony's Church in Hot Springs. Three fantastic presentations are on the docket that you won't want to miss! Fr. Grant Gerlach will provide us with several important and timely insights on *Sing To The Lord*. Next up, Peggy Lovrien, a 45-yr member of NPM and retired Director of Worship in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, will visit with us about the formation and implementation of Liturgical committees – she's a powerhouse of information and brings over 40 years of experience as a liturgy director! Our 'Sage on Stage' is Terry Schroeder from Blessed Sacrament Church – she has great stories and perspectives on her service in music ministry! To close the day, what better way to bring calm in our hearts (in the midst of the stresses of the pandemic) with a refresher on Taize prayer! Brad Blauvelt from Our Lady of the Black Hills will give a presentation and lead a prayer service based on Taize. We hope you can come!

Looking ahead to the Fall, we are celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rapid City NPM Chapter in 2021! Mark your calendars for Friday, Oct 8 (evening) and Saturday, Oct 9 (9am-3:30pm) at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We have invited Dr. Dan Girardot, nationally-known speaker and retired Director of Music from Austin, TX, to be our featured speaker. Please read the article in this newsletter with an overview of his presentations. We are in for an absolute treat!

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2017 St. Martin's Village Singers (St. Therese)

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Also, our Fall meeting is our time to honor our diocesan musicians with years of service (10, 25, 40, 50yrs), St. Cecilia Awards (clergy, laity), Peggy Langenfeld Memorial, Emerging Musician (youth & adult) Awards, and our recently added 'In Memorium' acknowledgement of the passing of music ministers and benefactors of music ministry in our parishes. While this past year has not afforded us great opportunities to serve in our ministry, work by many of you has still taken place, or if you haven't nominated someone before for their service in our ministry, now is a great time to do so! Look for additional details inside.

The Silent Auction is back! Carman Timmerman is spearheading this great fundraiser for our chapter. Start thinking now of items you would like to contribute to the auction (crafts, clothing, canned goods, wines, artwork, services (music lessons/vocal lessons), etc. Also, please visit with your parish priest – does he like to golf, ride motorcycles, hunt, cook meals, etc? Get him involved as well for an auctioned event. It's a great way to help engage him further with his parishioners and support NPM! Watch for auction updates in email, our Facebook page, and our webpage, [npmrc.org](http://npmrc.org). Bring auction items to our meetings on June 5 or Oct 9, and final bids will take place at our Oct 9 meeting.

We have so much to celebrate this 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, and it all begins with you! Thank you for your continued dedication and service in our music ministry!

Best regards,

Bonnie Josten and Pat McDowell

Co-Directors, Rapid City NPM Chapter



2018 Fall Meeting (BSC)

### Fall 2021 Meeting Preview

We are thrilled to have Dr. Dan Girardot from Austin, TX as the featured speaker for our Fall 2021 Chapter meeting/St. Cecilia Awards banquet!

Dan Girardot, D.Min, is the recently retired director of liturgy and music at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Austin, TX. He is a husband and father of three budding music ministers. He served as founding coordinator of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Austin for three years, and is a conductor, cantor instructor, soloist, and clinician at the local, regional, and national level. Dan is a graduate of the School of Music at the University of Texas in Austin and has a Master of Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame. He is an associate member of the Southwest Liturgical Conference Board of Directors and continues to serve his diocese on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

Both Jackie Schnittgrund and Tammy Schnittgrund have known “Dr. Dan” for years in working with him at the national level of NPM, and can attest to his warm and engaging personality, as well as the extraordinary manner in which he educates and renews his audience through the spirituality and beauty of the liturgy.

#### Schedule of Events

Friday, Oct 8 (evening, OLPH) – Dr. Dan Girardot will lead an evening retreat on *“Awake the Soul: Music Ministry as Spiritual Practice.”*

Note - we are checking into availability of rooms at Terra Sancta on Friday evening for those outside of Rapid City who are able and interested in attending both Friday evening and Saturday presentations.

Saturday, Oct 9 (OLPH) –

Morning Session 1: *Extraordinary Time – Best Practices for Music Ministry Rural Parishes During COVID Time and Beyond.*

Morning Session 2: *Small Choir, Big Music – Care and Feeding of the Rural Pastoral Musician*

Afternoon Session 3: *Music Reading Session (Music for Parishes With Limited Resources), with Skill Building for Directors and Cantors*

This will be an enormously informative, uplifting, and entertaining weekend. What a wonderful way to celebrate our chapter’s 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We hope you will be able to come!



2016 Choir Festival (OLPH)

NPM 2021 Calendar of Events

**Date: June 5, 2021**

**Event:** NPM Summer Meeting

**Location:** St. Anthony's Church, Hot Springs

**Topics:** Sing To The Lord; Formation/Implementation of Liturgy Committees; Sage on Stage; Taize Overview/Prayer Service

**Notes:** Drop off/display of items for Silent Auction

**Date: October 8, 2021**

**Event:** Evening Retreat (night before Fall NPM Meeting/St. Cecilia Banquet)

**Location:** OLPH, Rapid City

**Topic:** Awake the Soul: Music Ministry as Spiritual Practice

**Date: October 9, 2021**

**Event:** NPM Fall Meeting/St. Cecilia Banquet

**Location:** OLPH, Rapid City

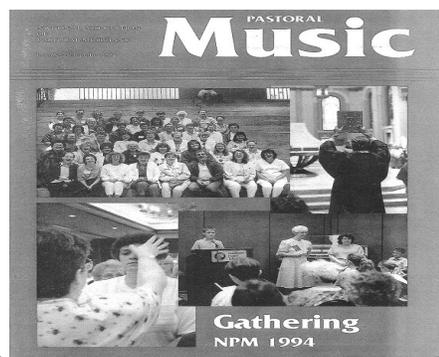
**Topics:** Extraordinary Time – Best Practices for Music Ministry Rural Parishes During COVID Time and Beyond; Small Choir, Big Music – Care and Feeding of the Rural Pastoral Musician; St. Cecilia Banquet & Awards; Music Reading Session (Music for Parishes With Limited Resources), With Skill Building for Directors and Cantors; Silent Auction fundraiser

If you have any upcoming special music events in your parish or in your community that involve fellow NPM members, email Bonnie Josten ([bonnie.josten@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.josten@gmail.com)) with event information, so we can add it to our calendar.

Notification deadlines (to include in our quarterly newsletters) are as follows:

Fall Newsletter – August 31, 2021

Winter Newsletter – December 20, 2021



1994 – Rapid City NPM members attending  
NPM Regional Convention in Bismarck  
featured on cover of NPM's national publication

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**Awards for Fall Meetings / In Memorium Recognition**

Please take a few minutes to offer well-deserved acknowledgement to your fellow musicians for their service, dedication, and promotion of music ministry within their parish and in our diocese!

**Award Name:** Peggy Langenfeld Memorial Award

**Purpose:** Recognize a person or an organization who has promoted NPM and chapter activities in an extraordinary way.

**Background:** The award memorializes Peggy Langenfeld who dedicated her life to good music in church worship. She developed tremendous resources and provided support to parish musicians, clergy and other worship leaders in fostering the art of liturgical music. Peggy was the person most instrumental in starting the Rapid City NPM Chapter.

**Criteria:** Nominee need not meet all criteria. 1) NPM National Member (preferred), 2) Promotion of NPM at both a parish and diocesan level, 3) Participation in one or more meeting programs, 4) Current or past officer in Rapid City NPM Chapter.

**Award Name:** St. Cecilia Award (laity & clergy)

**Purpose:** Recognize one lay person and one clergy member for exceptional contributions to liturgy and music.

**Background:** St. Cecilia is the patroness of musicians. It is written that as the musicians played at her wedding she “sang in her hear to the Lord.” Her feast day is celebrated in the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, and Eastern Catholic Churches on November 22. She is one of seven women, excluding the Blessed Virgin, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass.

**Criteria:** Nominee need not meet all criteria. 1) NPM National Member (preferred), 2) Recognized role in West River music ministry (i.e. director, organist, pianist, pastor, cantor, choir member) for five years or more, 3) Specific exceptional contribution(s) that enliven music liturgy and aid in developing liturgical resources, 4) Example(s) of providing support to parish musicians, clergy and other worship leaders as the nominee fosters the art of liturgical music involvement.

**Award Name:** Emerging Musician Award

**Purpose:** Recognizes a person who shows promise as a musician contributing to Catholic music liturgy.

**Background:** NPM is committed to engage musicians in our parishes in order to promote their involvement and leadership in music liturgy.

**Criteria:** 1) person 24 years or older, 2) Service of five or fewer years (consider length and breadth, participation in other ministries), 3) Commitment (i.e. consistent involvement), 4) Demonstration of continued learning in music ministry, 5) Initiative

**Award Name:** Emerging Youth Musician Award

**Purpose:** Recognizes a person who shows promise as a musician contributing to Catholic music liturgy.

**Background:** NPM is committed to engage musicians in our parishes in order to promote their involvement and leadership in music liturgy.

**Criteria:** 1) person 16-23 years old, 2) Service of two years or more (consider length and breadth, participation in other ministries), 3) Commitment (i.e. consistent involvement), 4) Demonstration of continued learning in music ministry, 5) Initiative

**Service Years Awards** – given to those singers or musicians who have served in their ministry for the following number of years: 10, 25, 40, 50

**In Memorium** – Recognition for those musicians/singers or benefactors to parish music ministry who have died in the past two years. Please let us know their name, parish, and if possible, provide a photograph.

Please submit your award nominations, years of service information, or In Memorium information to either Pat McDowell ([patmcdowell44@gmail.com](mailto:patmcdowell44@gmail.com)) or Bonnie Josten ([bonnie.josten@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.josten@gmail.com)) no later than Friday, September 10, 2021. 5

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