



Rapid City Chapter of NPM ~ News, Spring 2026

COMING RIGHT UP

NPM Spring Meeting – 25 April 2026

St. Patrick, Wall (701 Norris St, Wall, SD)

Schedule outline:

- 9:30 Registration / Light Breakfast
- 9:55 Programs begin
- 3:00 Meeting concludes



Programs:

- Building Relationships: Pastors and Music Ministers
Discussion with Fr. Jonathan Dillon
- Planning Music for Worship: Music Resources (incl. paper, digital, etc.)
Panel Discussion
- Music Ministry Using Small Groups of Musicians.
Various Presenters

CLEM hours (3) will again be available. Sign up at the meeting to receive credit.

Please RSVP by **Thursday 23 April 2026** to help us secure an accurate lunch count.

Contact Carman Timmerman: ph. 605-391-4053; email carmantimmerman@gmail.com

BREAKING NEWS

Fr. Michael Oli funeral mass choir, Tuesday 7 April; singers meet 9 AM in Cathedral basement.

A priest of our Diocese, Fr. Michael Oli, passed away suddenly last week. His funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 7, at 10:30 at the Cathedral. We would like to assemble a choir from Rapid City parishes to sing at the Mass. If you would like to participate, please meet in the lower level of the Cathedral at 9:00. Please let Angela Weber know that you will be coming by emailing sacredmusic@cathedralolph.org. Thank you! – Justin (Stephens)

FUTURE MEETINGS

SUMMER MEETING - 13 June 2026 - St John's, Fort Pierre

Program includes "**Beauty in Liturgy**" by Emilie Esker, our Director, Diocesan Office of Worship/Cathedral OLPH Liturgy Director; **Chant in Liturgy**; and **Cantor Training**.

FUTURE MEETINGS, continued

FALL EVENTS: 25-26 September 2026 – Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont

(2 days! Friday night concert, Saturday meeting)

CONCERT: Friday, 25 September, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (includes a 15-minute break):

Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, Ph.D: “Tune, Text, and Theology: An Evening of Musical Prayer”

FALL MEETING, St. Cecilia Banquet and Awards Ceremony: Saturday, 26 September

Keynote Speaker (9:30 AM – noon): Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, Ph.D: “Toward a More Perfect Communion.” Afternoon: Advent/Christmas Music Showcase.

ONGOING

Please tell us your upcoming events. If you know of upcoming special music events in your parish or community that involve fellow NPM members, **contact Chantry Nelson**

(marycsnelson@gmail.com) with event information. We will inform our mailing list, add it to our calendar and (if you can tell us far enough in advance) put it in the quarterly newsletter.

Reminder: 2026 Annual Awards. As mentioned at the 2025 Fall Meeting, **please start noticing NOW** (and continue to keep your eye on) those **diocesan musicians and music ministers who might be candidates** for one of our awards. We’ll call for nominations sometime this summer.

MORE ON FR. RICKY MANALO AT OUR 2026 FALL MEETING:

FR. RICKY CONCERT, Friday, September 25, 2026:

Tune, Text, and Theology: An Evening of Musical Prayer

Join Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, and for an evening of sung prayer, reflection, and theological insight.

Through beloved hymns and original compositions, Fr. Ricky explores the living relationship between melody, poetic text, and the faith of the Church. Each piece becomes more than a song – it becomes a doorway into scripture, sacrament, and the shared voice of the assembly. Blending storytelling, pastoral wisdom, and congregational singing, this evening invites participants not only to listen, but to pray – discovering how tune, text, and theology together shape the heart of Catholic worship and deepen our communion with God and one another.

YOU CAN HELP SPONSOR THIS CONCERT! Contact Terry Schroeder, thyschroeder@outlook.com. **Sponsors will be listed in the program.** Ads are also available. **Early sponsors will also be listed on the poster** (deadline April 30th; space is limited). Concert proceeds will go to NPM and Our Lady of the Black Hills Church to help defray cost of bringing this concert to our community.

FR. RICKY AT 2026 **FALL MEETING**, Saturday, 26 September 2026:

Toward a More Perfect Communion: Finding Christ in a Time of Polarization



Across our country, dioceses, parishes, families, and communities, we increasingly observe divisive lines being drawn. **We find ourselves in an era marked by political polarization, searching for meaning and Catholic resources to foster harmony and unity.** This presentation acts as a crucial guide to approaching this pressing crisis. It provides a history of how we reached this point in our country and in our Church, and offers a spiritual roadmap designed to lead us toward a future of healing, reconciliation, and hope.

Hosted by Rapid City Chapter, National Association of Pastoral Musicians. As always, ALL ARE WELCOME to attend – you don't need to be an NPM member. For more information, contact: Terry Schroeder, thyschroeder@outlook.com.

WHO IS FR. RICKY?

Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP, Ph.D., is a Paulist priest, theologian, composer, and missionary.

Composer: Fr. Manalo is recognized as a pioneer of Asian American liturgical music, and in 2028 was named Pastoral Musician of the Year by the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM). He studied composition and piano at the Manhattan School of Music and earned his doctorate from the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) in Berkeley, California. Some of his most popular hymns include: *The God of All Grace*, *Many and Great*, *Worthy is the Lamb*, and *Spirit and Grace*.

Author: Fr. Manalo's prolific writings explore intercultural competence, Asian American Catholicism, liturgy, music, and the intersection of theology and the sociology of lived religion. He has also co-authored several statements for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Theologian and Missionary: Fr. Manalo currently serves as chairperson of The Communion Project (www.communionproject.org), leading efforts to bridge divides and foster dialogue within the U.S. Catholic Church. In 2024, he presented a report on U.S. political polarization to the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at the Vatican. That same year, he also presented a paper on artificial intelligence at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

When not traveling extensively, Fr. Manalo resides at St. Paul the Apostle Church in New York City.



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