

PASTORAL MUSIC MEMO

To: Pastoral Musicians

From: Charlie Gardner

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PASTORAL MUSIC MEMO TO DEFAULT TO ONLINE VERSION.

Beginning in 2009, this memo will continue to be sent to our email list of 170 parish music directors and other pastoral musicians and posted on our webpage, **but it will be sent by regular mail only to those who specifically request it.** If you have been receiving only the paper version, please send your email address to cgardner@archindy.org or let Christina Tuley know that you want to continue to receive a printed copy. (236-1483 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1483).

Please note that **we do not share your email address** with anyone else, and that in sending the memo and other information to you, the “blind copy” function is used so that your address does not appear in the communication. Finally, be sure to let us know if your email address changes.

Thanks to all who participated in the **November 16th Saint Cecilia Sing and Mass with Archbishop Buechlein.** It was a great experience of faith and mutual support as we made such wonderful music together. I am particularly grateful to the members of the liturgical music commission and especially to Ed and Susan Langham who arranged for an anonymous donation to support the reception. The archbishop was very moved by the beauty and spirit of the celebration and would like to make it “a tradition.” The texts of the **archbishop’s homily** and the **blessing of pastoral musicians** are attached to this memo.

The next **pastoral musicians’ lunch** will be on **Tuesday, January 13**, noon to 2:00 pm in the Benedictine Room of the Catholic Center. The discussion topic will be **Music for the Celebration of Morning and Evening Prayer.** The Office of Worship will provide drinks, snacks, fruit, and cookies at no charge. We ask participants to bring their own sandwich or salad. Let us know if you can join us by contacting worship@archindy.org

Mark your 2009 calendars for these annual events. More information will be available in January.

Clergy/Pastoral Staff/Musician Pre-Lenten Banquet – Monday evening, February 23.

Lenten Overnight Retreat for Pastoral Musicians with Father Jim Farrell– Friday afternoon, February 28 to Saturday afternoon, February 29 at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House

If you receive a regular salary from your parish, please take a few minutes to complete the attached **Biannual Employment Survey** and return it by January 15.

The main celebration for the **175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis** will take place on **Sunday afternoon, May 3, 2009**, at Lucas Oil Stadium. A **special choir** will be assembled for this Mass with regional rehearsals taking place during April. More details will be available early in 2009.

If you plan to use “**Come and See the Many Wonders**,” the jubilee hymn described in the last pastoral music memo, please **download the latest version that includes some minor corrections** in the text. It is available at <http://www.archindy.org/175th/helpdesk.html>.

MUSIC IN CATHOLIC WORSHIP COURSE

In addition to developing their musical skills, pastoral musicians need a solid foundation in the basics of liturgical theology and the principles of preparing good music for worship. This is especially important for music directors and coordinators and for others with positions of leadership in parish and school liturgical music programs.

A course on **Music in Catholic Worship** will be presented at Marian College in Indianapolis from 7:00 PM to 9:45 PM on Wednesday evenings, January 14 through April 29, 2009. This course will examine the theory, history, and present practice of music as an integral part of Catholic Worship. In addition to official liturgical documents and commentaries including *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, the main texts for the course will be *Visions of Liturgy and Music for a New Century* by Lucien Deiss, and *The Ministry of Music* by Kathleen Harmon.

The course may be audited or taken for college credit. (There is a 50% tuition discount for regular part-time or full-time employees of an archdiocesan parish or agency.) Participants are also welcome to attend individual sessions. **For more information**, contact the instructor, Charlie Gardner, at 317-236-1479 or email cgardner@archindy.org.

Welcome to the following music directors who have assumed their positions during the past year:

Josh Graf, Sacred Heart and St. Augustine in Jeffersonville

Matthew Dingels, St. Rose in Franklin

Victoria Barkhiemer, Holy Trinity in Edinburgh

Mary Martha Johnston, St. Mary in Indianapolis

Vincent Howard, Holy Angels in Indianapolis

Katelyn Walker, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Albany

Julianna Horton, St. Joseph in St. Joseph Hill

Larry Bonebright, Our Lady of Lourdes in Indianapolis

If you are aware of any others, please let me know so that they can be noted in the next Memo

Bill Redmond has a **Hammond T-422 Rhythm 2 Electronic Organ** to donate – http://www.captain-foldback.com/Hammond_sub/tseries.htm 317-287-3232 Ext. 111 or br@mw.net.

I wish you a Blessed Advent and a very Happy Christmastide!