



August, 2011

Dear parish musician:

The Twin Cities Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians enters its 2011-12 program year!

In the first year as temporary Chapter, and last year as permanent chapter we have welcomed many of our more than 100 Twin Cities NPM members to our gatherings, as well as many other parish music ministers new to NPM. Our goal is to gather all music ministers together for education, social time, and networking. While you do not need not be an NPM member to join us, we will continue to encourage membership for the growth and strength of our national organization. There are no separate chapter dues. For membership information contact me and I will guide you. Also visit [www.npm.org](http://www.npm.org).

As Chapter Director, I would like to take this opportunity to applaud our core committee named at the bottom of this letter. They are the best! I will leave the position on the NPM national council January 1, 2012 as I was elected to the NPM Board of Directors for a four year term at the national convention in Louisville this summer.

We invite you to be with us for the following meetings as we continue our work together. We strongly encourage you to invite fellow parish musicians and clergy to these meetings. All ages and levels of musical ability and participation are welcome! Take time to build these meetings into the calendar of your parish music program year, and talk with your parish musicians and clergy about the work and mission of NPM. Visit our chapter blogspot for all updated information. [www.twincitiesnpm.blogspot.com](http://www.twincitiesnpm.blogspot.com)

Our time together includes musical prayer, topic discussion, sharing of programs and materials, fellowship and food.

### **2011-12 PROGRAM YEAR**

**Thursday, August 25, Implementing new musical settings of the Mass**

**Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church**

**5435 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55417**

**6:30pm potluck supper: *BRING A MAIN DISH, SALAD or DESSERT to SHARE***

**7-9pm program and prayer**

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Discuss ideas and plans for the implementation of new musical settings of the Mass and the assembly texts of the new Roman Missal into the parish community. This will not be a readthrough of new mass settings but a roundtable about how we are all going about introducing all that is new. We will view the new 22 minute educational dvd on the new Roman Missal for the assembly prepared as fundraiser for our Chapter, available on site,

and from Morning Star Music Publishers, St. Louis, MO. Help spread the news of our fine product!

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**Monday, November 21 St. Cecelia Sing/Mass**  
**St. Edward's Catholic Church, 9401 Nesbitt Ave. South, Bloomington, MN 55437**  
**7pm Choral Mass, Food/beverage reception, Informal singalong**

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We follow the tradition of our successful St. Cecelia Sing held last year, and connect to our national organization's project to celebrate special musical events on our patron's feast. The Mass will include rich choral anthem singing. At the reception we will have an informal and fun singalong of musical settings of the Mass which will be put to rest beginning November 27.

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**Monday, February 20**  
**Cantor Formation, New Grail Psalter, NPM Certification Processes**  
**Mary, Mother of the Church, 3333 Cliff Road East, Burnsville, MN 55337**  
**6:30pm supper; 7-9pm program and prayer**

**RSVP to David Jeske by February 13**

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The host church will share their successful cantor formation program including their experience of completing the NPM Basic Certification process for many cantors. All are invited to share their program for the formation of cantors in their own music ministry.

A special presentation will be given about all opportunities for certification offered by NPM. Michael Silhavy will lead a presentation about the new revised Grail Psalter and offer an exhibit of psalm collections for cantors.

A light sandwich supper is provided, and a suggested freewill offering of \$5 per person will be appreciated.

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**Saturday, June 9**

**Retreat with Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, author, composer**

**9-11:30am Retreat (Freewill offering); 12noon Mass**

**(Lunch as you wish at nearby restaurant downtown.)**

**2-4pm Composer's Forum co-sponsored by Association of Liturgical Ministers**

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Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, a member of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (Paulist Fathers) has written articles and books on pastoral ministry, liturgical music and intercultural communication. He is a nationally recognized composer of contemporary Catholic liturgical music.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi this weekend, join a retreat that will renew our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist.

In Christian worship, God continually calls us to deepen our relationships with the Triune God and with one another. These relationships become expressed whenever the church gathers together to celebrate the Eucharist. We will reflect on the Church's approach to the Body of Christ as it was understood by the early Christian community and see what implications this may have in our spiritual lives today.

At 2pm our NPM Chapter joins the Twin Cities ALM in co-sponsoring a forum for composers led by Fr. Manalo. The format for this forum will be announced at a later date.

As at all NPM meetings, you are encouraged to bring printed programs or other materials related to parish music events you have designed, led, or participated in. A display table will be available for the sharing of these items.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Chapter events in order to continue to nourish our fellowship and musicianship in our archdiocese and connect with a thriving national organization of the Church.

NPM Chapter Leadership Team

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