



NPM CONVENTION 2014

*The 37th Annual Convention
of the
National Association of Pastoral Musicians
July 14 - 18
America's Center
St. Louis, Missouri*

The Chapter Discount deadline has been extended to May 27! You still have time to get in on this excellent deal to save money on the convention registration. Send your form and fee in today, as the discount only applies to those who are included in the whole group. Complete information on how to get the Chapter Discount is on page 5 of this Newsletter.

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NPM Arlington/Washington, DC are on the Web!

Be sure to visit the Washington, D.C. and Arlington Chapter Websites for the latest information on Chapter happenings, registration forms, and events.

www.npmdc.org

www.npmarlington.org

DIRECTOR'S CORNER



We church musicians often complain that, in our culture, the Christmas "season" starts after Halloween and ends at midnight on December 25. "Wait," we cry, "what about Holy Family and Epiphany, the 12 Days, and that partridge and the golden rings? We're just getting started and the world around us has moved on. We have all this wonderful music to sing, and so little time to sing it.

Now Easter is a different matter. We can celebrate Easter's Fifty Days. Our culture may think Easter is over once all the eggs from Easter Egg Hunts are collected on Monday, but we know better. We let the Alleluias ring until Pentecost!

Keeping the Easter season alive in our daily lives is a challenge. This year, the entire month of May is Eastertime – May, the month when First Communion, weddings, graduations, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, the winding down of the school year, and the advent of summer activities compete for attention. All deserve good and proper celebrations. The trick will be to build them on the basic text of Easter and its many-splendored meanings -- and to let the Alleluias ring!

Resurrexit sicut dixit! Alleluia!

*Charlene Dorrian,
Director, Washington, DC Chapter*

2014-2015 Chapter Events

**Do you have ideas for NPM local Chapter programming?
Is there something you would like to see happen
in Washington, DC or Arlington?**

Programming for the 2014-2015 year is happening now. If you have thoughts or ideas on programs or events please contact Charlene Dorrian, Washington, DC Chapter Director, David Mathers, Arlington, VA Chapter Director, or any of the Board members listed on page 5 of this Newsletter. We welcome your input!

The Evening with John Bell

The people assembled in St. Camillus Church on April 1 (best count - around 250) were clearly rewarded with John Bell's presentation. He noted that he had been expecting 50 or so choir members, but it was clear that not everyone there was a member of a church choir. He was facing a diverse audience, eager to appreciate and participate in assembly singing. Gifted as he is, John adapted his presentation and gave everyone an experience of the many ways church singing can be both prayerful and exciting.

Attendees commented that they never thought they could sing refrains in so many languages, or sing in four-part harmony, or look at old favorites in new and creative ways. Some, responsible for leading music in their parishes, came away inspired to do more to enhance their assemblies' singing.

John Bell's energy, wit, and deep faith are evident in all his work. He was at his best when he came to us that night.

2014 Calendar

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Look for
events for
2014-2015 to
be scheduled
soon!

Concert Opportunities

May 16, Friday, 8:00p.m. • Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community

1427 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA, more information: 703.998.6100 ext. 103

John H. McCrary, piano - John McCrary, Director of Music at Blessed Sacrament, will give a concert of works by Beethoven, Chopin, Mozart, and Liszt. Admission free; donations will support the concert series.



Announcements of items of interest to Pastoral Musicians such as concerts, transitions, or special activities are welcome in the monthly newsletter.

Deadline for articles, announcements, etc. remains the 15th of each month.

Please email Jim Wickman directly at jaw249@georgetown.edu.



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Chapter Discount Deadline is extended
Sign up with our group by May 27!

All of the details on how you can be part of this wonderful week are below!
<http://www.npm.org/EducationEvents/convention/ConventionBrochure.pdf>

Before you send in that registration form, we hope you will consider registering through the local chapters (Arlington & DC are considered as one).

The Chapter Discount is the best available, even better than the \$295 early bird fee:

\$293 - for 10-19 members

\$286 - for 20-29 members

\$259 - for 30+ members

- Please note:
1. There is a new \$20 discount if you choose an Electronic Program Book
 2. Registrant must be a parish or individual member of both National & Chapter NPM
 3. Only one discount per registrant (e.g. cannot be combined with Clergy/Musician Duo)
 4. Chapter discount is not available on Youth, Daily, Companion, or Child registrations

Here's what you do

1. Complete a registration form (available at www.npm.org)
2. Make a check payable to NPM/Arlington (\$293* - plus any extras you've chosen)
3. Mail both to Ms. Susan Trainor, 3217 Wildmere Place, Oak Hill, VA 20171 by May 27

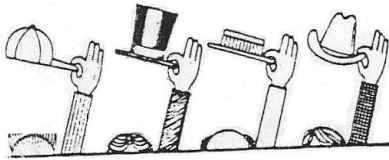
**If more than 19 sign up with us, you'll receive a refund in the mail*

Questions? Please call 301-384-5796.

HELP WANTED

Mother Seton Parish in Germantown, MD is seeking a music director skilled in organ, piano, voice and conducting. Job description can be located under the employment section of the Washington, DC Archdiocesan site - www.adw.org.

HATS OFF!



As always, we are grateful to the musicians who generously provide music for the TV Mass for Shut-Ins, celebrated in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, and broadcast on WDCW TV each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

St. John Neumann Children's Choir, Gaithersburg, MD
 St. Leo the Great Parish Choir, Fairfax, VA

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