

ClevelandNPM
The Cleveland Chapter of the National Pastoral Musicians Association
Newsletter February 2004

Election Results

In September, elections were held by mail for officers for the Cleveland Chapter. Of the 132 ballots sent by mail, 28 were received and the results follow.

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Thanks to all who participated in the election by sending in their ballots and CONGRATULATIONS and success to the elected.



Notes From the Director

Warm greetings in this cold season. I hope that you have all had rest and quiet times since the Christmas holidays, and are getting re-energized in looking ahead to Lent and Easter.

I am excited about the **events** that the Chapter officers are planning for the upcoming year. The first event will be a **music swap**/garage sale, and the second event is to be a local weekend **cantor/choir workshop** led by singer, cantor, and clinician Joe Simmons and

composer/director Laurence Rosania with a concert offered on Saturday evening. More details of these events follow in this newsletter.

Many times, I have wondered who else may be interested in music that we have but never use. Rather than throwing it away, why not offer it to someone who may be able to use it. Also, we may have music that we bought for a one time use with extra instrumentation. We may not use the music again, but someone else may have a need for it. Sometimes, we find we just need an extra copy or two in addition to what we already own. Some parishes may have a large budget for music, but many have very little to spend. Why not follow the Vibrant Parish Life ideals and share our resources? Come to the **music swap**.

The **cantor/choir workshop** is meant to be an alternative resource for musicians in our Diocese who may not be able to afford to attend the NPM Schools, or may not be able to travel to where the school is held. Be sure to check out the article in this newsletter about this event. We can't offer it free of charge because of the expenses of bringing in the presenters. Cost is not set yet and depends on the response, but we hope many parishes are able to sponsor those in the parish who would like to attend.

If you have other ideas about what you would like to see presented or supported by our chapter, please let us know. It is difficult to find places and dates that will agree with everyone's needs, but we can still be in touch and share ideas and concerns about our role as pastoral musicians.

I hope to get to know many of you throughout our Diocese, and encourage you in your ministry. Check out the map of the Diocese in this newsletter to see just how large we are.

One of my visions for our local chapter

is to see pastoral musicians in each of our districts within the Diocese getting together to get better acquainted and share ideas. Several pastoral musicians in the Akron area have formed an Akron branch of the chapter, and have been holding events for musicians in that area. Perhaps some of you in other areas of the Diocese have thought about doing the same thing.

If we network our resources, the parent chapter can help the branches or local events with publicity via the newsletter, web site and emailings. Any dues rebates from NPM national office go to the parent chapter, so we definitely want to help all of us benefit from the resources we have. Be sure to read Melissa's article regarding membership and dues.

This is our first newsletter since the NPM Cleveland Chapter has reactivated/reorganized. We are mailing this to all on our current mailing list, whether or not you have decided to become a chapter member. Future issues of our newsletter will only be mailed through the US Postal Service to those who have joined on as chapter members, but will be available on line or via email to all who have access.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Ruth Novak
NPM Cleveland Chapter Director

NPM Tip O'The Day

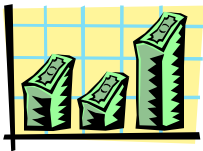
Directors and Cantors have a special relationship, which often depends on eye contact and gestures. To keep the communication successful and the stress levels down, use consistent signals that are agreed upon beforehand to, for example, go to another verse, wrap it up, sing into the microphone more, let the

instruments take a verse, etc.

Sometimes it is unavoidable, but remember to be kind when you need to try to mime something different to your Cantors when they are already up doing their job. It is quite distracting, even unnerving for a cantor to try and figure out what you mean!

Susanne Sande, Cantor

From the Treasurer....

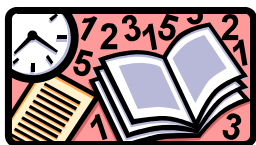


There is currently \$205 in our account. There are costs to be reimbursed for the mailing of the ballots to elect chapter officers and for this newsletter. Since we have limited funds in our account, we are asking all NPM members in our chapter to contribute dues of \$5 to help cover costs of communications until the new fiscal year begins in July. Once a year, the national office of NPM offers dues rebates for any members of both the chapter and the national organization in order to assist with the financial needs of the chapter. This rebate applies only to chapters that have reached permanent status. We will re-visit the amount of chapter dues in our next meetings. In the mean time, checks may be made as soon as possible, payable to NPM: Cleveland Chapter. Use the form on the bottom of page 4 to send in with your check.

Your support is urgently needed and we appreciate your contribution.

Melissa Gali-Bird, Treasurer

From the Editor



This is an exciting time to be members of NPM in the Cleveland area. As Ruth so aptly noted, following Bishop Pilla's

goals on Vibrant Parish Life, NPM is an excellent way to share our talents and resources.

Our newsletter is intended to provide information to all with an interest in things musical and/or liturgical. It is especially targeted to those who do not have ready access to internet world wide web. We have a fledgling web site on the free Yahoo service and eventually we would like to move that to a more permanent site without the pop-up ads that Yahoo inserts. The site address is

<http://www.geocities.com/clevelandnpm/>

There you will find links to many other sites such as music publishers, some dioceses, and others as well as news of events in the area. I urge you to visit the site and send comments to the web master (that's me) on ways to improve the site.

We are always looking for new content both to this newsletter and the web site. If you have a topic you would like to write about, please send it in.

In the interest of conserving our limited budget, if you would like your newsletter sent by email, please indicate that on the mail-in slip referred to by Melissa. You will then no longer get printed copy in the mail but rather only email copy. As an added advantage you can view and even print the newsletter in the "radiant colors" in which it originates instead of the drab black and white you have in your hands now. Note that we only have 48 official email addresses for 130 members so use the form to update your email address in any case.

May the blessing and peace of Christ be with us all.

Dan Bergen, Editor

Volunteer Organist Needed

On Sunday March 23 a Te Deum concert will be presented at 3pm at Gesu Parish in University Heights. The featured work is the Bruckner Te Deum with orchestra, but we're starting with

the chant Te Deum, hopefully with organ alternation.

Anyone interested in this volunteer opportunity please contact Joe Metzinger at 216 932 1626

Spring Workshop for Cantors and Choirs



Exciting Spring Event: Vocal Performance to Vocal Prayer: A Workshop for Cantors and Choirs

Renown cantor clinician Joe Simmons and composer / choral conductor Laurence Rosania will present a workshop sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter NPM on Friday and Saturday, April 23-24 at St. Joseph Church in Strongsville.

New York based Joe Simmons has presented national Cantor workshops for NPM. He is well known as a vocal coach and for his specialty in the prayerful approach to the ministry of Cantor. He has also produced spiritual music videos for the Hallmark Channel and released two recordings of inspirational music for use in healing ministries. Laurence Rosania has a number of published compositions and frequently concertizes solo and choral works. For more info on Joe and his music go to:

http://www.oculusmusic.com/joe_simmons_home_page.htm

The Cantor workshop will focus on the role of the Cantor in liturgical documents and current practice. It will include a session on the deeper understanding of the Psalms and individual vocal coaching in a master class setting.

Choristers and choir directors will have the opportunity to learn new rehearsal techniques. Emphasis will be placed on methods of getting a better understanding of the music in order to

engage its spiritual and artistic possibilities.

The workshop will culminate in a concert of American spiritual classics, contemporary inspirational songs and new compositions by Laurence Rosania. Members of the choral workshop may be invited to participate in the concert. For more on Laurence Rosania:

<http://www.ocp.org/en/people/12984.php>

We hope that this two day experience will provide ample resources and inspiration for Cleveland music ministers.

Fliers will be mailed before March.

Joe Metzinger, Coordinator for Planning

Spring Music Swap



Whether you have music to share with someone else, or are looking for some music for your parish, or just want an excuse to meet with some other pastoral musicians, we invite you to participate in our music swap/garage sale on Saturday, March 6. Unlike other garage sales, this is all about music. We'll have a table for each of the major publishers, and categories for season or type of music. If you have music you would like to give away, you can either bring it with you or contact us ahead of time to arrange to get it from you. We would be glad to do sorting of music ahead of time, if possible. Why not use this event as a way of cleaning out your files. (Perhaps music from choral subscriptions that you know you'll never use...) If you have music that you don't use often and would be willing to let another parish borrow, write down the details of what you have available for loan. We'll have a keyboard, guitar and CD player available for trying out music. Bring a sack lunch (we'll have beverage available) and

enjoy some fellowship while browsing. If you are looking for something in particular, but can't make it to the music swap, let us know that, too. Feel free to contact any of the chapter officers for more details (see the contact information in this newsletter.)

Come to the **Music Swap** Planned for **Saturday, March 6 at St. Leo the Great Church** 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109-5799 just north of I-480. Time of the event will be from **11AM to 2PM.**

Schola Cantorum of St Peter the Apostle

St. Peter Church, the oldest, continuously operating Church in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is happy to announce the only appearance in Northeast Ohio of The Schola Cantorum of St. Peter the Apostle under the direction of J Michael Thompson. The highly acclaimed and recorded, Schola Cantorum of St. Peter the Apostle is a professional choir from Chicago whose purpose is the preservation and propagation of the "treasury of sacred music" (chant and polyphony) from all ages, from both the Eastern and Western Churches. The performance will be **Sunday, March 14th** at 2:00 P.M, which is the third Sunday of Lent, known to Eastern Orthodox and Catholic Churches as "Cross-Veneration Sunday". The concert by the Schola Cantorum of St. Peter the Apostle will present music from both Eastern and Western Churches in honor of the precious and life-giving cross, and will feature "Kontakion On the Victory of the Cross" by Chicago composer Paul Nicholson. This performance will be part of the ongoing arts offering in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of St. Peter Church. Tickets are \$15.00. Discount available for seniors. Reservations can be made by calling the Arts Info line at 216-556-4618 or email

maryb13@sbcglobal.net

St. Peter Church is located at 1533 East Seventeenth St., Cleveland, Ohio (Corner of Superior and E. 17th St.) Call Mary Brown for information at 216-231-2721 for more information

Choral Workshop - Akron

The Southern District Branch of the Cleveland NPM presents a FREE Choral Workshop on February 18 at 7:00 PM at St. Sebastian's Roman Catholic Church, Zwislser Hall located on the corner of Elmdale and Hawkins.

Presenter: Dr. J.D. Godard, Founder and Director of the Master Singers, Inc., Choir Master of St. Sebastian Church Choir and director of Madrigal Dinners at Stan Hywet.

Refreshments and short business meeting to follow.

All area choral directors and choir members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RSVP to Alex Dilan, 330-836-2233, ext. 104 ASAP by Friday, Feb 13.

Directions: 77 towards Akron to White Pond/ Mull Avenue Exit, turn Right onto Hawkins and turn Left onto Elmdale. Parking lot is on your left side.

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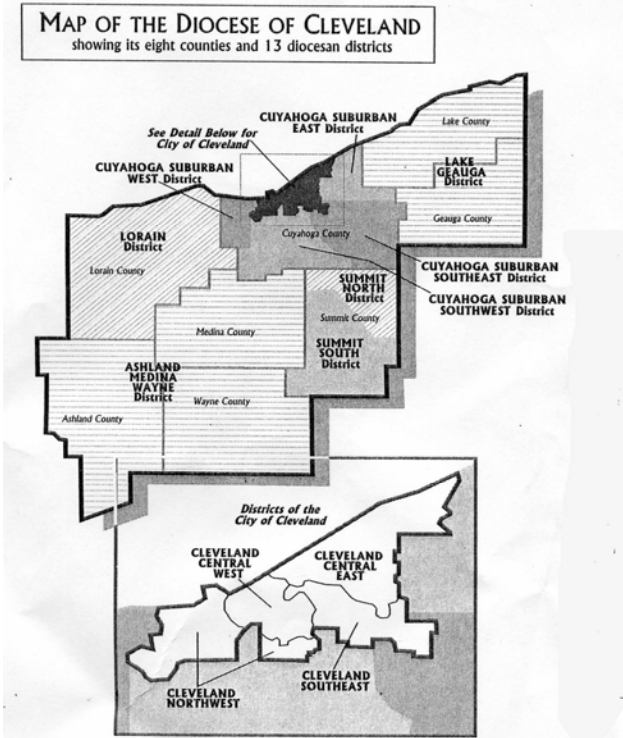
Or contact any of the officers listed on page 1 at the listed phone numbers.

Short notes

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE AT ST. HILARY'S ON W. MARKET ST. AKRON MARCH 7 @ 4:00P.M.

News from National

(Map shows the District Structuring implemented by the Diocese in 1993).



For those of you planning to attend one of the regional conventions this summer, you can get a discount on the fee by signing up through your local Cleveland Chapter. The discount is based on the number of registrants sent in by us at one time.

NPM CHAPTER DISCOUNT SCHEDULE

10- 19	Members (10% discount):	\$203 each
20-29	Members (15% discount):	\$191 each
30-39	Members (20% discount):	\$180 each
40-	Members (25% discount):	\$169 each

Discounts are only for chapter members who are also NPM members. Without a group discount, advance convention registration fee for an NPM member is \$225.

To get this discount you must send in your check made out to “NPM: Cleveland Chapter” for the full amount to our Treasurer no later than May 3, 2004 (June 3 for Phoenix). Melissa will compute the discount and refund money to you based on the discount table above.

Stipulations from National (items 5-7 apply to the chapter submittal of the combined registrations)

1. Each registrant must be a parish or individual member of NPM.
2. Each registrant must be a member of a permanent or temporary NPM Chapter.
3. Only one discount per registrant (i.e., ChapterDiscount cannot be combined with Parish or Clergy/Musician Duo Discount).
4. No discount on Daily, Companion, or Child registrations.
5. The NPM Chapter Convention Discount Form must be attached to registration forms and payment and signed by a Chapter officer. Combine all payments into **one check payable to NPM**.
6. Registrations must be postmarked by **May 14, 2004 (June 15, 2004 for Phoenix)**.
7. No additions can be made to the group's registration once the registrations are mailed to NPM.

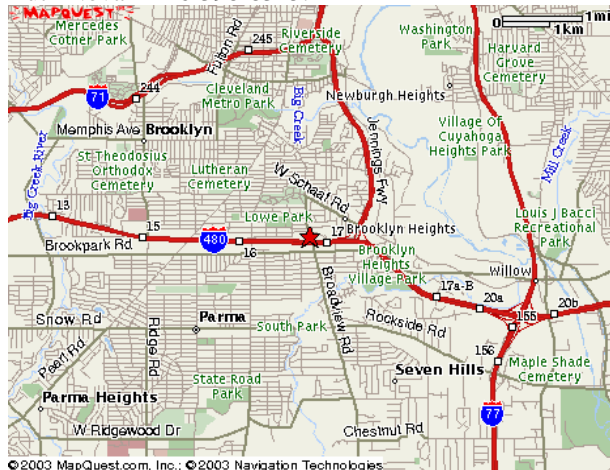
NPM Regional conventions

June 28–July 1, 2004 Chicago, Illinois
NPM Region II Convention Spirit, Shape Our Song!

July 6–9, 2004 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
NPM Region I Convention Sing the Gospel to Life!

August 3–6, 2004 Phoenix, Arizona
NPM Region III Convention “I Will Praise You, LORD, . . . in the Assembly of Your People.” (Ps 22:22)

Location of St Leo the Great – for detailed directions call Ruth Novak 216-398-8315.



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I wish to become a **Chapter Member** of the ClevelandNPM. Enclosed are my dues for 2003-2004 in the amount of \$5.00.

My name is: _____ NPM Membership # _____
(Optional)

In the future I wish to receive my news letter by email only. No! Keep the “snail mail” coming.

My email address is: _____

Please mail to: Melissa Gali-Bird, Ascension of Our Lord Church, 14040 Puritas Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44135

I expect to attend one of the Regional Conventions this summer and would be interested in the chapter discount.