

# NPM Wichita Noteworthy

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*From the Chapter Director*

*Gioioso*—joyful! As the People of God continue to celebrate the birth of Christ the Savior, it is my hope that our contributions as liturgical musicians have brought joy to our worshipping communities, and that we live this joy ourselves.



With the new year there is a sense of starting fresh, of opportunities and resolve for improvement. It is my hope that in 2017, our NPM chapter will continue to grow in membership, in networking with pastors, and in broadening our ongoing formation in musical and liturgical leadership. Sister Nylas Moser, ASC

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**Calendar:** *January Jubilee* on Saturday, January 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church in Wichita, sponsored by the American Guild of Organists (AGO), Wichita Chapter. All church musicians are invited. **See attached flyer or visit AGO Wichita and register!** Deadline is January 21 to ensure a lunch reservation. An AGO member and *January Jubilee* committee member, Carole Pracht, wrote to me:

“I was thinking that January Jubilee would be a wonderful joint workshop event for both groups [AGO and NPM]. We do share reciprocal certification between organizations. In planning our January Jubilee, we will bring in clinicians and feature organ and piano in church music, choral directing and choral reading session and singing, good church singing techniques, etc. Almost like a mini convention/workshop session. Educational opportunities are always needed for church musicians and the fellowship with musicians of many churches would be good for Wichita church musicians. I think this would be an exciting event to publicize for our Catholic musicians.”

So, let's take this opportunity to enhance our musical skills and to enjoy the company of other church musicians. Note that non-AGO members who attend the *January Jubilee* receive a free six-month membership to AGO—a win-win!

*Easter Music Review* on Monday, February 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m., St. Peter the Apostle Church, Schulte. This will include an NPM Wichita Chapter meeting.

**Membership:** No doubt you have invited others to join NPM. Perhaps there are new musicians on the scene in your parish. Invite them to become members of our chapter!

**Have you seen** the article on our website? From [npmwichita.org](http://npmwichita.org), click on the link [“Why NPM?”](#) The article may give you a boost or food for thought.