



NPM Wichita Noteworthy

Musicians' Workshop

"Amazed by the power of her presence" were words that I used to introduce ValLimar Jansen to the attendees of the 4th annual musicians workshop. That statement was every bit true as she fully engaged attendees in an extraordinary morning and afternoon of inspiration and education before performing in concert that evening. ValLimar is a master storyteller and used her many props and costumes to illustrate her points. The energy level was through the roof. Everyone walked away invigorated.

Special thanks to the students from Bishop Carroll, Kapaun Mt. Carmel and Trinity Catholic High Schools for their participation. Approximately 50 students attended the workshop, and she provided vocal accompaniment at the 5 p.m. Mass and 7 p.m. concert.

ValLimar had some wonderful feedback for me on their presence and participation. "The Young Church," as she often referred to them, "were so engaging and respectful. It was such a joy to work with them." The students had some individual preparation before arriving, but for the most part, they had maybe an hour for the concert group rehearsal. It was a magnificent sound. ValLimar said she had the choir sing one piece again

so she could record it. I think that speaks volumes about what they did! A special thanks to Melissa Seiler, Bishop Carroll vocal music director, who was responsible for organizing the student participation and conducted the combined choir.

Thanks to Kitty Michot who helped me lead the reading session. We had 11 titles that we reviewed, the music compliments of OCP and GIA. Mark Mazur was our accompanist and I thank him so much for his preparation and excellent accompaniment.

This day didn't just come together on its own. Christopher Dean was the glue in so many areas, I may miss something as I recount his involvement. First, as liaison with the host parish, St. Vincent de Paul, he made all kinds of arrangements with the facilities. There was a great deal of printing that was provided. AND, what a feat to provide so much accompaniment work during the workshop and concert. Thank you, Chris, for everything.

We are made to feel so welcome at the parish. Thank you to the Pastor, Fr. Kent Hemberger, and the entire staff from the office to the kitchen to the custodians. The dinner before the concert was a gift of the parish to all attendees and it was delicious. It was wonderful to see so many faces at the



Tom Wierman,
Chapter Director



Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Board Meeting

2:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas—Fr. O'Shea Room

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Board Meeting

2:00 p.m.

St. Jude—Parish Hall

April 5-11, 2020

Holy Week

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Annual Chapter Meeting & Entertainment

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Church of the Magdalen—Parish Hall

June 2020

Ice Cream Social & Music Reading Session

TBD

July 6-10, 2020

NPM National Convention

Louisville, Kentucky

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Sunday, September 13, 2020

Annual Vespers and Musician Blessing

5:30 p.m.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Light supper to follow in Good Shepherd Hall

Saturday, January 30, 2021

Pastoral Musician Workshop



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concert – both “old and new church,” and many of them from SVdP.

Our benefactors, the Msgr. Bob Hemberger Music Fund, and Dee Burke, made this possible financially.

Thank you as well to our fabulous board members for all their efforts throughout the day. They know what to do and they do it. It was very much appreciated.

I want to thank you as well. If you couldn't attend, I appreciate the prayers you offered for the success of the day. If you were able to attend, I know you felt the power of the Spirit in the words spoken, sung and prayed.



Chapter Membership Renewals

Thank you to all who have renewed their NPM Wichita chapter membership or joined for the very first time. We greatly appreciate your support.

Memberships run for a calendar year and are only \$20. The \$20 fee covers all the events for the entire year. If you joined mid-year for example, your renewal will be coming up later this year. Emails will be sent when it is time to renew. We greatly appreciate you promptly taking care of the renewal.

If you are a parish outside the Wichita metro, don't forget about the parish membership that covers everyone in the parish for just \$50.

Annual Meeting

The annual chapter meeting will be May 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of the Magdalen. The results of the election of officers will be announced as well as a presentation of Young Liturgical Musician Awards. We are working diligently on entertainment for the meeting. Please mark your calendars to attend.

Young Liturgical Musician Awards



NPM seeks to direct young musicians to view service as a liturgical musician as a stewardship opportunity. This is to encourage and further the youths' liturgical music participation beyond high school and while in college and to stay connected to music ministry from youth through adulthood.

The award categories are Novice, Apprentice, and Minister. The categories approximate age bracket for each; a young student as Novice, high school age as Apprentice, and college age or older as Minister.

Nominations come from Pastors, Choir Directors, and Music Teachers in our Catholic school system. For more information, see the Resources page at www.npmwichita.org for 1) The Young Liturgical Musician Initiative and 2) the nomination form to submit names of worthy, aspiring young liturgical musicians. Nominations will be due by April 24.

Certificates for each nominee will be awarded at the annual meeting on May 3.