Welcome to the Second Edition of Music Notes!

As the cold winds of January blow and we settle back into our daily routines, be sure to mark your calendars for the January Columbus NPM meeting (see below). If you are planning for the summer, check the update on the NPM Convention on page two. These events are great opportunities to break with the standard musical routine. If you are looking for information resources, see the Resource Corner on page two. This issue’s focus is on the website for United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). If you have an idea for the March newsletter or an event in March or April that you would like published in the next Music Notes, please contact Michele Jorgensen at 901-0759 or kmjf@att.net by February 15, 2003.

Mark Your Calendars . . .

For the next Columbus NPM meeting:

Choir members, choir directors, or simply those who like to sing . . .

Join us for a choral singing workshop with Dr. Hilary Apfelstadt, Head of Choral Activities, OSU School of Music. Along with her responsibilities at OSU, Dr. Apfelstadt is a frequent clinician and adjudicator. She has sung with the Robert Shaw Institute Singers in both France and New York. Her research interests include choral repertoire, especially for women voices, and leadership styles among choral conductors. This workshop will include the preparation of two choral selections under Dr. Apfelstadt’s leadership.

Where: Church of the Resurrection  
6300 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., New Albany

When: Sunday, January 26, 3 PM

Fee: $5.00 before January 21st  
$6.00 at the door

Mail fees to: Amanda Walker  
Secretary/Treasurer, Columbus NPM  
40 E. Frankfort Street  
Columbus, OH 43206

Plans are now being made for the March meeting . . . stay tuned!
Resource Corner

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
www.nccbuscc.org

The website for the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) places a gold mine of information at one's fingertips. The home page lists the site contents and the latest news from USCCB. Each of the listings on the home page is a link to another page. By clicking on the Latest News link we are taken to statements and press releases from USCCB or the Holy See while the Bookstore link takes us to an online catalog of USCCB's publications. Some of these publications, such as Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture, and Worship can be printed straight from the website. If we travel back to the home page and click on Departments, we travel to a listing of each department within USCCB. By choosing Liturgy, we travel to another page which lists different divisions within Liturgy. By delving further and clicking on Roman Missal, one finds downloadable texts ranging form the General Instruction on the Roman Missal to weekly bulletin inserts. The website even features a Bible link, taking us to the entire New American Bible and a Catechism link which contains a copy of the catechism (copyrighted 11/24/02). All of USCCB's publications, including the ones mentioned here, can also be ordered by via phone at 1-800-235-8722.

Convention Update

Christ Present . . . When the Church Prays and Sings
July 14 - 18, 2003
Cincinnati Convention Center

Set aside July 14 - 18 on your calendar to make the short trip to Cincinnati for the National NPM Convention! This event is open to all interested in pastoral music from singers to directors and clergy! If you are interested in the National Catholic Children's Choir Festival or the National Catholic Handbell Festival, plan to travel to Cinci early--for these two festivals begin on July 12th, ending with concerts the morning of the 14th!

The major speakers for the convention are Dr. Nathan Mitchell, Rev. Andrew Ciferni, O.PRAEM, Sr. Eva Marie Lamas, sss, Dr. Carol Doran, and Rev. Edward Foley, CAPUCIN. Each night there will be multiple musical events, including the San Antonio Vocal Arts Ensemble, Fiesta Latina, Celebration! African American Heritage, The Feast of Life (with Marty Haugen), and A Pentatonic Tour (with John Bell). There will be daily organ concerts and five blocks or breakout sessions. Morning and Evening Prayer will be offered each day and Convention Eucharist will be celebrated on Wednesday evening. More information can be found in the December/January Pastoral Music or by checking npm.org in late January!

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