Mark Your Calendars –

**NPM Columbus Invites You to Our Second Annual Director's Favorites Reading Session**

Join us as we gather for a music reading session full of favorites from various music directors across the diocese. This is a chance to spend an afternoon singing a wide range of music with other pastoral musicians.

- **When:** Sunday, May 16, 2004, 3:00 p.m.
- **Where:** St. Margaret of Cortona
  1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus
- **Music Fee:** $5.00 – payable at the door

**Music Swap at the Director's Favorite Reading Session . . .**

Do you have music that you or your choir will never use (or use again)? You know, the octavo from the reading session or the music you ordered for that one special occasion . . . Do a little spring cleaning! Bring that music to the NPM Columbus's first ever music swap at the Director's Favorite Reading Session and take a moment to sort through others' "discards". You might find yourself a new treasure!

**NPM Officer Elections**

The arrival of September also brings the biennial officer elections for our chapter. Nominations for Chapter Director, Planning Coordinator, Koinonia Director, Recruitment Director, and Secretary/Treasurer are being taken at the Director's Favorites and from now until July 15, 2004 at nominations@npm-columbus.org. All nominated individuals must be dues paying members of NPM Columbus. The names of those running will appear in the September/October Music Notes (to be mailed in August) and elections will occur at the September NPM Columbus meeting.
Columbus NPM Calendar, March - August 2004

June 12, 2004, St. Thomas the Apostle, Columbus, 9:00 a.m., Core Committee

June 28-July 1, 2004, Chicago, Illinois, NPM Region II Convention, Hyatt Regency O'Hare
       Spirit Shape Our Song!

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

July 23-25, 2004, Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, NPM Cantor Express
       for more information, including registration form, visit www.npm.org

August 3-6, 2004, Phoenix, Arizona, NPM Region III Convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel
       I will Praise You, Lord, . . . in the Assembly of Your People

August 7, 2004, St. Thomas the Apostle, Columbus, 9:00 a.m., Core Committee
       Please note: As with much of life, all dates and programs are subject to change.

And Just What is the NPM Cantor Express?

The Cantor Express, run by NPM national, is a weekend opportunity for cantors to gather together to learn more about the art of leading the people's singing. The Columbus session, taught by Melanie Coddington and Mary Clare McAlee, runs from Friday, July 23 through Sunday, July 25 at Ohio Dominical University. For more information about the Cantor Express, including registration form, fees and accommodations (if needed) can be found at www.npm.org or by calling NPM national at 240-247-3000.

NPM Banner Design Contest—Deadline Extended

NPM Columbus would like to have a banner to display at National Convention in 2005 and we are looking for your design ideas. The finished banner should be more than 30 inches by 42 inches, vertical, with a rod pocket able to accommodate a rod one inch thick, across the top. The banner must include NPM Columbus Chapter and the group established date of 2001. An example of a banner can be seen on page 31 of the October-November 2003 issue of Pastoral Music. Submissions may be hand drawn or computer generated but must be on 8 1/2" x 11" paper and must include your name, address and phone number (e-mail address optional). Submissions are to be sent to Michele Jorgensen, 864 Old Coach Rd. Westerville, OH 43081 postmarked by May 10, 2004 (no electronic submissions will be accepted). Depending upon the number of designs received, designs may be available for member viewing at the May meeting.

Questions? Contact Michele at kmfj@att.net or 614-901-0759.
       (If calling, please leave phone number and best time for return call.)

2004 Dues are Due! Your $5.00 (cheaper than a first run movie) helps NPM Columbus cover routine costs, including the price of mailing this newsletter. Please pay your 2004 dues soon. Forward your dues (check written to NPM Columbus) to Amanda Walker, 40 E. Frankfort St., Columbus, OH 43206-1094

Help us keep our e-mail list updated!

If your e-mail address has changed or you would like to be added (or deleted) from our e-mail list contact Amanda Walker at awalker40@aol.com