

Membership

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of NPMNY!

The purpose of NPM (National Association of Pastoral Musicians) is *to foster the art of musical liturgy*. The purpose of the local chapter is to do that on the local level. Membership is open to clergy, religious and the laity who are working in liturgical and musical ministries – Presiders, Preachers, Directors of Music, Organists, Pianists, Guitars, Flutists, Cantors, Choir Members....**anyone** involved in church music!

In concert with the re-established Liturgy Office (which includes the Liturgical Art Commission and the Music Commission), the intention of NPMNY is to provide programming for musicians and clergy that will expand the knowledge of and inform the membership, and the Archdiocese-at-large, to the newest thoughts and practice in the related disciplines of liturgy, music and theology as well as providing a forum to ask questions of and seek information from knowledgeable figures in this particular field of study.

Unlike the Liturgy Office and other offices, **NPMY is not funded by the Archdiocese or other institutions**...it is strictly supported by membership fees and (church related) corporate sponsorship.

Due to the generosity of our membership, and in particular from the physical support of the *Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers*, NPMNY runs with virtually no overhead expenses. The great majority of the monies collected from dues & sponsorships goes to the funding of speakers for our workshops and the cost of renting the venues themselves (if any is incurred).

There are two membership levels:

Parish Membership

The parish (institution) joins the Chapter at the \$150 level.

With a **Parish Membership** the top three people listed will be voting members, as required.

Moreover, *every member of the parish's liturgical/musical ministry*: choir members, cantors, instrumentalists, etc. will receive the monthly newsletter, announcements of events, and be eligible for member discounts at Chapter events.

Individual Membership

Pastor, Music Director, or any other member of a parish music ministry is eligible to join as a regular voting member of the NPMNY Chapter. The annual dues are \$25, renewable annually. You will receive our monthly digital newsletter along with all the benefits of full membership.

*Full membership is recommended for, but not limited to, pastor, director of music ministries, curates, assistant directors, accompanists, cantors, and anyone with a leadership role in the parish (liturgical/musical) ministry.

As you are already aware there are many things that need to be done, many liturgical/musical needs in our Archdiocese. Some of those needs are, but are not limited to:

Formation for those training Spanish-speaking choirs

Formation of those leading Youth & Children's Choir

A Mentoring Program for the good musician who may be lacking in liturgical skills
on an individual basis

Basic & Advanced Liturgical Musical Formation
for Organist, Choir Directors, Cantors, Choir Members and Clergy

Sight-reading/Sight-Singing for the Volunteer Choir Member & Cantor

Celebrating the Rites
as the revised rites are promulgated

We are most willing to do help with the formation of our fellow musicians, liturgists and clergy, but we heavily rely upon your support; both your financial support and your support by your attendance.

I would strongly suggest that first of all, you join, and when you do, join at the Parish Membership level. This will afford all ministers to receive the publications and invitations to workshops and events. If we are able to help choir members and all musicians see that they are performing a ministry and not "just singing" all of our parishes will benefit from it. For in ministry, community grows...both the parish community itself, and the larger community of those responsible for ministry throughout the Archdiocese. Particularly in these difficult times of transition, community is of the utmost importance.

We have all been called to ministry, whether it's in preaching God's word or singing the ancient songs of the psalms. When ministry is supported, it flourishes.

NPMNY is an economical way to give the tools to those who need them...and its local. No need to fly halfway across the country for the training that can be received at a fraction of the cost in our own back yard. So, please consider joining us in this important work. NPM has made a world of difference in my life and my ministry. I would bet that it will do the same for you!

Attached, please find membership forms and further information that will be needed to join.
I hope to hear from you soon!

Peace,



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Membership Information

Parish Membership

Parish Membership has an annual cost of \$150. It may include each members of the parish, school, or institution who is active in liturgical/musical ministry.

Members may include the Pastor, Associate Pastor, Director of Music, Superior, Director of Liturgy, Accompanist(s), Instrumentalist(s), Cantor(s), and Choir Members, as well as others who may be involved in ministry.

We strongly encourage both Pastors and Directors of Music/Liturgy to become involved, as well as others (listed above).

Please fill out the *Parish Membership* form (list) as well as the appropriate form (Clergy or Musicians/Liturgist) for each individual.

Individual Members

Individual Membership has an annual cost of \$25. It may be any particular member who is actively involved in the ministry of a parish, school, or institution.

We strongly encourage both Pastors and Directors of Music/Liturgy to become involved, as well as others (listed in the Parish Membership section).

Gregorian Members

Gregorian Membership requires an annual donation of over \$350, which supports the work of the Chapter. Membership is available to Individuals and Institutions, a percentage of which is tax-deductible, in accord with National Association of Pastoral Music standards.

Hildegardian Members

Hildegardian Membership requires an annual donation of over \$500, which supports the work of the Chapter. Membership is available to Individuals and Institutions, a percentage of which is tax-deductible, in accord with National Association of Pastoral Music standards.

Cecilian Members

Cecilian Membership requires an annual donation of over \$1000, which supports the work of the Chapter. Membership is available to Individuals and Institutions, a percentage of which is tax-deductible, in accord with National Association of Pastoral Music standards.

All membership materials may be sent to membership@npmny.org
All membership fees (as well as membership materials) may be sent to:

**NPM New York
c/o Christopher Reilly
PO Box 305 – 55 Ryder Road
Maryknoll, New York 10545**

Any questions or concerns may be sent to membership@npmny.org or creilly@npmny.org

- Show ministry as: choir member, pastor, trumpeter, liturgy planner, etc.
- These e-mail addresses will not be published or otherwise circulated.

Musician/Liturgist MEMBERSHIP FORM*Duplicate form as needed – Please print legibly*

Name _____

Parish or School _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Work Phone (10-digit) _____

Other Phone (10-digit) _____

Title/Job Description _____

Length of Time at Parish/Institution _____

About you (check all that apply):

☐ Choral Director (Circle: Adult-Children-Ensemble) ☐ Organist ☐ Pianist ☐ Guitarist

☐ Other Instrument(s) _____

☐ Singer (Circle: S A T B Cantor)

☐ Available to Substitute

☐ Lessons given for _____ Rate per Unit: _____

The best description of my relationship with my pastor is:

☐ We leave each other alone

☐ We communicate when it's required

☐ We have a decent exchange of ideas

☐ We are completely collaborative

Please write anything else that you desire, or feel would be beneficial for the NPMNY Chapter leadership to know: