

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Dear Directors of Liturgy and Music/Choral Directors,

A blessed Easter season to all of you. You and your choirs are invited to participate in an Archdiocesan wide Parish Choir Festival on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. Our theme is "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord." This will be an evening of singing for one another; giving thanks for the gift of music, the gift of fellowship as parish liturgical musicians, and the gift of Christ's presence in our music ministries. We also will sing one selection as a massed choir directed by one of our area's choral directors.

The Parish Choir Festival will take place at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on the corner of Jackson and Wells Streets (812 N. Jackson St.) The evening will begin at 6pm with choirs arriving to set up and warm-up in the church. At 7pm we will rehearse our mass choir selection with our choral clinician and then begin the concert. To end the evening there will be a reception for us to gather and get to know one another better. If you have never sung in the Cathedral – you are in for a treat!

Each participating choir is asked to submit one or two selections (7-9 minutes in length total) from their current choral season. All participating choirs will also sing one selection together. This year's selection is *Litany of Mary* composed by Tony Alonso, which features Lourdes Hymn in the refrain. Here is a Youtube link. https://youtu.be/C3PXW4Gyk-I. A copy of the music will be sent to you once you register for the event. If you have Ritual Song: 2nd Edition, it is also in there #1011.

If you wish to participate, please submit the following to Brian Eggers – eggersb@archmil.org - by Friday, May 17th.

Titles of Choral Selections

Publisher Information

If songs are accompanied on piano or organ (so we know where to place you in the Cathedral. There are many options so we can be creative)

Names of the Director, Accompanist, and instrumentalists.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Eggers at eggersb@archmil.org or at 414-962-2443.

Easter Peace and joy,

Brian Eggers

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