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## NEW CHAPTER DIRECTOR

It is indeed an honor for me to accept the position within the Diocese of Pittsburgh of the Director of the Pittsburgh Diocese Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. I would like to begin by thanking my predecessors, Rick Gibala, John Romeri, John Miller, Fr. Jim Chepponis, Don Fellows and Herb Dillahunt for the foundation that they have set for our organization. They have set the bar high through their example, and I hope to continue to build our chapter into one of the finest in the nation. It has been a pleasure to serve on the NPM Pittsburgh Chapter Board and the Core Committee for our Pittsburgh National Conventions with these fine colleagues over the years. It has also been a blessing to work with our current board members during these months of transition. Thank you to Dan Kovacic, Assistant Director of Recruitment, Amanda Plazek Bruce, newly appointed Director of Koinonia (to finish my term), Shari Whitico, Secretary/Treasurer, and Béla Pater, Director of DMMD.

As was stated in the letter that was sent to all pastoral musicians in the diocese, through this organization, I have grown both professionally and personally, and have come to know many of you not only as colleagues, but as mentors and friends. My first initiative is to work with our current board members to restructure our organization in order to strengthen our network. Our diocese is vast in terms of location. We have pondered what it is to echo the words of Bishop Zubik to be "On Mission for the Church Alive," and will use the diocesan model of Vicariates and Districts to take on his challenge.

Many thanks to the diocesan musicians that are listed on Page 2 for answering the call to serve!

You will soon be receiving an online survey to give input into our organization. I value the opinion of each of our members and look forward to hearing from you through this method. Know that you can always email me with concerns and questions at [music@diopitt.org](mailto:music@diopitt.org).



**Vicariate 1 Coordinator** – Amanda Bruce - St. Mary of the Mount, Mt. Washington

**District 1 Liaison** – Neil Stahurski - Assumption, Bellevue

**District 2 Liaison** – David Butler – St. Peter, North Side

**District 3 Liaison** – Adam Fehrenbach - St. Basil, Carrick

**District 4 Liaison** – Béla Pater – Sacred Heart, Shadyside

**Vicariate 2 Coordinator** – Daniel Kovacic, St. Valentine, Bethel Park

**District 1 Liaison** – Amanda Kraeger – St. John the Baptist, Plum

**District 2 Liaison** – Dianne Falvo – St. Winifred, Mt. Lebanon

**District 3 Liaison** – Nicholas Will - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carnegie

**District 4 Liaison** - Terry Skelley - St. Robert Bellarmine, East McKeesport

**District 5 Liaison** – Carol Accetta – St. Thomas A’ Becket, Jefferson Hills

**District 6 Liaison** – Tom Coyne - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Homestead/Munhall

**Vicariate 3 Coordinator** – Ginny Ambrose, St. Joseph, Coraopolis

**District 1 Liaison** – Robin Schillo - St. Columbkille, Imperial

**District 2 Liaison** - Chrystal Shelvey - St. John the Baptist, Baden

**District 3 Liaison** – (temporarily vacant)

**District 4 Liaison** - Anthony Milbower - St. Hilary, Washington

**District 5 Liaison** – Chuck Thompson - Ss. Peter and Paul, Beaver

**Vicariate 4 Coordinator** – Jackie Williams, St. Joseph, Cabot

**District 1 Liaison** - (temporarily vacant)

**District 2 Liaison** – Madlyn DeRito - Holy Sepulcher, Glade Mills

**District 3 Liaison** - Susan E. Cadwallader - St. Peter, Butler

**District 4 Liaison** – Jessica Bucci - St. John Neumann, Franklin Park

**District 5 Liaison** – Dawn Pawloski - Transfiguration, Russelton

**District 6 Liaison** – Mary Lou Bender - St. Susanna, Penn Hills

You can expect to hear from these folks quite often. They will assist the Board by being our Communications Team. They will also form our planning board for an annual “brainstorming” meeting from which we will discern and devise our yearly events and meeting schedules.

Communication and networking are the strongest means in which we can support our music ministry and build our chapter.



We are also in the process of updating our NPM Directory and e-mail distribution lists. We hope to have this work completed by mid-March. There will be three e-mail distribution lists:

Diocesan Musician – this list will include all diocesan musicians and those who wish to receive our Newsletter

Pittsburgh Chapter of NPM – this list will include all diocesan musicians that wish to be a member of our local organization. This group will receive additional e-mail regarding our meetings and events, and will receive email from our District Liaisons.

DMMD Members – this list will include those members from our local NPM chapter that are specifically the persons responsible for the music in his/her parish.

I will continue to maintain our [nmpgh.org](http://nmpgh.org) website and include information as it is received. If you would like to advertise your recitals, concerts, special events, etc., in our newsletter, please email me at [music@diopitt.org](mailto:music@diopitt.org).

And finally, thank you for the many kind words that I have received from so many of you and I ask that you keep our board, our NPM Pittsburgh Chapter, and me in your prayers.

Kevin

### **March Meeting**

Monday, March 7, 2016 7:30 PM

SS. Simon & Jude, Scott Twp.

Richard Moser, host

Panel Discussion: Rejuvenate your music ministry program through increased membership and deepened spirituality.

Our panel of local music ministers will lead a discussion on the techniques and ideas that they have incorporated into their programs to make the church alive!

### **2016 Diocesan Hymn Festival**

Friday, April 22, 2016 8:00 PM

Sacred Heart, Shadyside

Béla Pater, Host and Hymn Festival Leader

We're on the web  
at  
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## NPM NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual NPM National Convention will take place in Houston, Texas from July 11-15, 2016. NPM is pleased to offer a special discount to Chapters that send **ten or more NPM members** to the Convention. The discount increases with the number of Chapter members who register together as a group. A 15% discount is available if we have 10 members attending. This is a savings of \$52.00!

Chapter Discount Stipulations:

1. I must submit all registration forms together with complete information for each registrant.
2. Each registrant must be a parish or individual *member of NPM*.
3. Each registrant must be a member of the Pittsburgh NPM Chapter.
4. Only one discount per registrant (*i.e. Chapter Discount cannot be combined with Parish or Clergy/Musician Duo Discount*).
5. **No discount on Youth, Daily, or Companion registrations.**
6. For *new* NPM members, a separate check will be required with a new members' application form.

If you are planning on attending the convention, and would like to qualify for this discount, please email me at [music@diopitt.org](mailto:music@diopitt.org) for further information. The deadline for this Chapter discount is Friday, May 20. No additions can be made to the group's registration once the registrations are mailed to NPM.

I hope to see you in Houston!

Kevin