

Dear Applicants for the 2012 NPM Children's Choir Festival,

Thank you for your interest in the National Catholic Children's Choir Festival that will be part of the 2012 NPM Convention "**Renew the Face of the Earth!**" to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Children's Choir Festival will begin on Sunday, July 22 at 1:00 PM, and conclude with a Festival Performance on Monday, July 23, 7:15 – 8:15 PM.

Our festival clinician will be Mr. Michael Wustrow, Co-Director of Music at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, New York, and Director of the Diocesan Choir for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Michael has extensive education and experience in the field of sacred choral music, and has helped to develop a progressive children's choir program at St. Agnes, including singers from grade one through high school. He has served on the National Board of Directors of Choristers Guild, as well as the National Board of the Director of Music Ministries Division of NPM. Michael has served as a conductor of Pueri Cantores, AGO, and Choristers Guild festivals around the country, as well as past NPM Children's Choir festivals.

The Festival rehearsals will be held at Duquesne University, and excellent housing offers have been arranged for those choirs coming from outside Pittsburgh. See the registration material for details on housing options and cost. Meals are available as part of the housing, with a meal plan option for commuting choirs, as well.

The final rehearsal and Festival Performance will be held at Epiphany Parish, with a meal for all singers and chaperones provided in between.

Singers may range from those who have completed third grade by July 2012 through high school seniors with unchanged voices. The repertoire is for treble voices – no changing voices, please. All singers are expected to arrive at registration by 1:00 on Sunday, July 22. A schedule of events, including recreation time, is available below. NPM expects that an adequate number of chaperones for each choir will be present at all times during the entire festival. The *Code of Conduct for Youth Participating in NPM Conventions* is included and must be filled out and signed for each youth participant. Adult chaperones must be trained and/or certified according to their home diocese's child protection plan.

The list of festival repertoire is available below. Packets of music can be purchased at a discount (\$11.20 each) from Musik Innovations [Info@musikinnovations.com](mailto:Info@musikinnovations.com). Singers are expected to come to Pittsburgh with the music learned, and arranged in a black choir folder or binder.

Registration materials, including payments, for all choirs must be received in the NPM office by **April 16, 2012**.

We look forward to welcoming you and your choirs to Pittsburgh! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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# 2012 NPM Children's Choir Festival

## Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Tentative schedule:

### Sunday, July 22

Noon check into housing at Duquesne University  
1:00 festival registration and seating for rehearsal  
2:00 - 3:30 rehearsal  
3:30 - 4:00 break  
4:00 - 5:00 rehearsal  
5:00 - 6:00 dinner  
7:00 - 8:00 rehearsal  
8:00 - 9:30 social

### Monday, July 23

7:30 - 8:30 breakfast  
9:00 - 10:30 rehearsal  
10:30 - 11:00 break  
11:00 - 12:00 rehearsal  
12:00 - 1:00 lunch  
rest, change clothes, pack, travel to venue  
3:00 - 4:30 rehearsal at Epiphany Church  
5:00 - 6:00 dinner in the city  
7:15 festival performance  
Following Performance: some singers return to Duquesne

### Tuesday, July 24

7:30 - 9:00 breakfast for those who purchased this option

## NPM Children's Choir Festival Repertoire

| Title                           | Composer                           | Voicing       | Publisher      |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| The Angel Gabriel               | arr. John Raymond Howell           | unison        | Boosey 6256    |
| Of the Father's Love Begotten   | Latin chant, arr. Michael Connolly | 2 part        | WLP 8679       |
| Prayer for Humility             | Mark Patterson                     | unison        | CGA 989        |
| The Heavens Declare             | James Brighton                     | unison/2 part | CGA 1172       |
| Dona Nobis Pacem                | Mary Lynn Lightfoot                | 2 part        | Heritage 1175H |
| All Things Bright and Beautiful | Laura Wasson                       | 3 part        | OCP 10343      |
| Cry Out with Joy                | Christopher Walker                 | 2 part        | Oxford 45.069  |

Plus two hymns with descants (to be sent to directors by NPM): *Hail Thee, Festival Day* and *Praise to the Lord*

Musik Innovations, Pittsburgh, PA will supply us with packets for \$12.45, a 10% discount. Go to [www.musikinnovations.com](http://www.musikinnovations.com). You will find an article on the front page, or email: [Info@musikinnovations.com](mailto:Info@musikinnovations.com), or call 412-366-3631. Gretchen is our representative.

**2012 NPM Children's Choir Festival**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
July 22-23, 2012

Name of Children's Choir \_\_\_\_\_

Parish or School \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person** *(All correspondence and arrangements are through this person.)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Choir Director** *(if different from contact person)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of singers to participate in festival: \_\_\_\_\_

Age range and grade levels of singers: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of voice parts:  unison  two voices (SA)  three voices (SSA)

Accompaniment instruments used: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the music-reading level of your choir:

Please list the frequency and liturgical settings in which your choir ministers:

Please list significant events in which your choir has participated:

## Festival Registration

### Group:

Choir (2 singers or more) fee of \$100.00 \$ 100.00

Plus number of singers \_\_\_\_\_ at \$50.00 per singer + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### Individual Singer:

A single singer, not part of a choir, fee of \$75.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Housing and Meals at Duquesne University

Floors are all-female or all-male; double or single rooms with common bathrooms down the hall. Prices include linens (sheets, pillow, pillow case, towel, washcloth and blanket).

Number of singers + chaperones

### Plan A

1 night (Sunday) plus 3 meals double \$67.00 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$67 = \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sunday dinner; Monday breakfast and lunch)

single \$72.00 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$72 = \_\_\_\_\_

### Plan B

2 nights (Sunday and Monday) plus 4 meals double \$116.50 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$116.50 = \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sunday dinner; Monday bfast and lunch; Tuesday bfast)

single \$126.50 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$126.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

### Plan C

Commuters (includes 2 meals) \$17.50 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$17.50 = \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sunday dinner; Monday lunch. Monday breakfast can be added for an additional \$6.50)

## Parking at Duquesne University

\$20 (Sunday and Monday) or \$33 (Sunday-Monday-Tuesday) \_\_\_\_\_

## Total (registration + housing/meals + Parking)

\_\_\_\_\_

## Payment

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

I authorize NPM to charge my:  MasterCard  Visa

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Credit Card Number Expiration Date Security Code (3 digits on back)

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Cardholder Signature Date of Signature

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Name on Card (Please print)

Send completed registration form with payment as soon as possible, but no later than April 15, 2012, to:  
NPM 2012 National Catholic Children's Choir Festival  
962 Wayne Avenue, Suite 2010  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-4461