



The National Association of Pastoral Musicians  
Director of Music Ministry Division

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## SELF-STUDY:

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The following items suggest goals, strategies, and personal qualities important for the pastoral musician. As you review this list, reflect upon specific situations in your ministry, and respond accordingly. *On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being lowest, and 5 the highest, rate yourself in the following:*

As a **PASTORAL MUSICIAN**, I...

\_\_\_\_ pray regularly

\_\_\_\_ am a competent musician

\_\_\_\_ collaborate with clergy, staff members

\_\_\_\_ have an inclusive vision of the parish community in choosing repertoire

\_\_\_\_ have participation of the assembly as a primary goal

\_\_\_\_ seek to “understand before being understood...”

\_\_\_\_ strive to appreciate all styles of music

\_\_\_\_ never stop learning

\_\_\_\_ practice good people skills

\_\_\_\_ am an active member in national/local professional organizations (NPM, DMMD, etc.)

\_\_\_\_ use Stephen Covey’s WIN/WIN philosophy

\_\_\_\_ take time to “smell the roses”

\_\_\_\_ am a good listener

\_\_\_\_ am flexible

\_\_\_\_ have a sense of humor

\_\_\_\_ attend to *all* the folks (i.e. I buy lots of Girl Scout Cookies)

\_\_\_\_\_participate in the life of the parish

\_\_\_\_\_contribute (sometimes financially) to the events of the parish, and the music ministry

\_\_\_\_\_send get-well cards to sick parishioners, choir members, cantors, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_converse with parishioners at the coffee hour after Mass

\_\_\_\_\_am present at parish social events: picnics, bazaar, pot-luck dinners

\_\_\_\_\_call to check on a choir member who hasn't been to church for a couple of weeks

\_\_\_\_\_make a trip to the funeral home to pay respects to the deceased parent of a choir member

\_\_\_\_\_support and encourage colleagues

\_\_\_\_\_take a retired colleague out for lunch

**Note the items in which you have scored 3 or less. What steps will you take to improve in these areas? Discuss these with your mentor.**