

2023 A CALL TO FORM A DIOCESAN MUSIC DIRECTORS' CHOIR FOR THE CHRISM MASS

Dear Music Directors of the Erie Diocese,

As the Music Director at St. Peter Cathedral, it is my hope that for major Diocesan functions we may have a more collaborative musical involvement and representation from ***all*** of our parishes throughout the Diocese. While many of our parishes are located at least 2-3 hours away from the Cathedral, attempting even 2 rehearsals with our choir volunteers would be very difficult to task to achieve. Therefore, I am attempting to form a Diocesan Choir made up primarily of the Music Directors from each of our parishes. Since all of you read music and can learn the music on your own, we would only need to meet a *couple of hours* on the day of a particular diocesan event. I would send out the music ahead of time to everyone electronically with notes so that you can prepare on your own.

I would like to invite the Music Directors to sing first on Monday, April 3, 2023 for the Chrism Mass (*This is the Monday after Palm Sunday of Holy Week*). The Chrism Mass is at 1:00PM and the Choir Call will be 11:30AM in the choir loft at St. Peter Cathedral. Please let me know now if this is something you are interested in pursuing together so that I can plan accordingly. If you are interested, please go the St. Peter Cathedral Website Main Page and Click:

Diocesan Music Directors' Choir at: <https://stpetercathedral.com/>

The Second venture now that the Cathedral renovations are complete is to form a Diocesan Choir for the Priestly Ordination which is on Friday evening, May 26, 2023 at 7PM. I am planning a call time at 5:30PM.

I do hope that many, if not all of you, are able to do sing. Not only will it enrich our diocesan liturgical functions, but it will be a time when we can all be together to meet, get to know one another and pray together using the gifts God has generously bestowed on all of us.

Thank you,

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