

Dear fellow Catholic,

**The Oratory of Cincinnati will be hosting a Sacred Music Retreat during August of 2018.** The retreat promises to be an incredible spiritual and musical experience for any member of a liturgical choir that works with the Latin Mass, including extensive opportunities to take part in the Liturgy of the Divine Office.

The event overall has three main objectives... 1) to assist choir members to focus on the spirituality inherent in being part of a liturgical choir; 2) to provide an opportunity to work with Kevin Allen and Nick Lemme on music exclusively focused toward the Latin Mass while incorporating with other choir members to take part in advanced repertoire not often available to smaller choirs; and 3) to provide other music resources well-suited to smaller choirs that will also be part of the repertoire during the retreat.

There will be conferences to engage participants spiritually along with opportunities for confession and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. There will, of course, be daily Mass (Low, Solemn, or Pontifical depending on the day) as well as other liturgies throughout. The schedule *is* challenging but several events daily are optional to allow attendees to judge how best to participate. Because we will have musicians from many different locations, there will also be set times to allow for a degree of social interaction... but the main focus is on the true purpose of the liturgical choir – to increase the honor and glory of God, principally through participation in the Liturgy.

**The final two days of the retreat will culminate with Matins and Lauds of the Dead, a pontifical Requiem Mass, and a pontifical Sunday Mass.** These Masses will be celebrated by Bp. Slattery at Old St. Mary's and Sacred Heart respectively.

Lodging and all meals are included in the price of the retreat. Please consider taking part in this extraordinary event! The retreat will have sign-in starting early afternoon of Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, and will conclude with luncheon following the pontifical Sunday Mass of Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Retreat registrations will be capped at 110 attendees so please plan to register early.

There is an F.A.Q. section on the next page. If there are additional questions beyond the F.A.Q., please contact John Schauble using the email or phone information below.

Best wishes and prayers for your continued work as liturgical musicians.



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## **F.A.Q.**

### **Q. What is the cost of the retreat?**

**A.** The cost is \$450 / person, with a capacity of 110 attendees.

### **Q. What, specifically, is included in the registration?**

**A.** Lodging for 4 nights at the designated retreat center. All meals from dinner of Wednesday through lunch of Sunday (12 meals in all). A booklet of three-part motets; sheet music for all chant, polyphony, and hymns. A packet of materials for online resources; a history of chant, etc.. Bus transport to and from local churches as needed for various pontifical liturgies. Over the course of the retreat, there will be five conferences, eight rehearsals with well-regarded musicians, and numerous opportunities for participating in sung Liturgy as well as daily Mass... and the opportunity to connect with other liturgical musicians to build networking and connections with peers.

### **Q. Who are the presenters?**

**A.** Msgr. Wadsworth is the spiritual director. Kevin Allen and Nick Lemme will be the music directors.

### **Q. Are there price breaks for groups?**

**A.** As the cost is geared toward covering projected expenses, there is no price break for groups.

### **Q. Is there a price break if I am staying locally and not lodging; or if I don't eat all meals?**

**A.** Lodging and full meal plans are available to all participants, but it is too difficult logistically to track opt-outs for the wide variety of situations that may occur. Again, we are covering projected expenses associated with the retreat. Correspondingly, there is no price break for opting out of meals or lodging.

### **Q. I'm flying in to the Cincinnati airport. What is my best option for travel from / to airport?**

**A.** Lyft and Uber both operate in the Cincinnati / Northern Kentucky area. We will do our best to provide transportation from the airport to the retreat center and back again for a nominal charge, but you may need to arrange your own transport depending on flight time, driver availability, etc.. We will provide detailed directions to and from the retreat center in your welcome e-mail upon registration.

### **Q. I'm driving myself. Is parking available?**

**A.** There are some 40 parking spaces available at the retreat center, so there is a limit on parking. We encourage local attendees to car pool, and can assist with recommendations for shared ride locations.

### **Q. I have to leave Saturday night. Is that a problem?**

**A.** We would love for everyone to be able to participate in the pontifical Sunday Mass... but completely understand that you may need to be back late Saturday or early Sunday AM.

### **Q. The schedule looks daunting. I need "me" time. Is that possible?**

**A.** We provide opportunities to take part in Liturgies, in conferences, in practices, to have social connection with music peers. However, everyone learns differently and people absorb things in different ways. You are always free to visit the Blessed Sacrament, to meditate while walking the grounds.

### **Q. Some events are at parish churches, not at the retreat center. How will that work?**

**A.** Retreatants will be bussed to Old St. Mary's and back to the retreat center on Saturday. Retreatants will be bussed to Sacred Heart and a locked room will be provided to secure luggage during Mass. The retreat will end at Sacred Heart church, there will be no return to the retreat center after the Sunday Mass. This is included in the cost of registration.

### **Q. Why are there so many Liturgies, particularly of the Divine Office? I'm really only interested in the Mass.**

**A.** As lay members of the liturgical choir, we stand-in for the clerics / religious that would typically make up the true liturgical choir. Although our primary focus is certainly the Mass; although the Mass is the cornerstone of Catholic worship, it is important to have context and awareness of the Divine Office – which is the continuous worship of the Church, and a key role for the true liturgical choir. What an opportunity! We may never experience regular opportunities to take part in the Divine Office, but that makes *this* opportunity all the more precious and special. *"...the main focus of the retreat is on the true purpose of the liturgical choir – to increase the honor and glory of God, principally through participation in the Liturgy."*

**Registration open from 3/12/2018 to 6/30/2018 – \$450 / person.**

**Late registration from 7/1/2018 until 7/16/2018 – \$495 / person.**

Early registration helps us to make better plans for addressing the needs of all attendees. Additionally, space is limited and registrations **WILL CLOSE once that limit is reached**. Please register early.

#### **SCHEDULE DETAILS:**

##### **Wednesday**

- Retreatants begin to arrive at the Retreat Center
- **12:30 PM – 3:45 PM** on-site check-in. Room assignment; packet of materials; schedule etc..
- **4:00 PM – Sung or Solemn Mass to open the retreat. (main chapel)**
- **5:30 PM** – Supper
- **6:45 PM** – keynote address
- **8:00 PM** – social meet and greet with fellow attendees
- **9:00 PM – Compline (secondary chapel – OPTIONAL)**
- **9:30 PM** – Grand Silence (if not attending Compline, please observe silence from 9:00 PM)

##### **Thursday**

- **6:15 AM – Prime (secondary chapel – OPTIONAL)**
- **6:35 AM** – meditation (secondary chapel – OPTIONAL)
- **6:45 AM – Low Mass (secondary chapel – OPTIONAL)**
- **7:30 AM** – Breakfast (OPTIONAL)
- **8:15 AM** – Conference 1
- **9:15 AM** – BREAK
- **9:45 AM** – Practice 1
- **11:45 AM** – BREAK
- **12:00 PM** – Lunch
- **1:15 PM** – Conference 2
- **2:00 PM** – BREAK
- **2:30 PM** – Practice 2
  - **2:45 PM – 4:00 PM** – Confessions available (main chapel)
- **5:00 PM** – BREAK
  - Time available to visit Blessed Sacrament (main chapel)
- **5:30 PM** – Supper
- **7:00 PM** – Practice 3
- **8:30 PM** – BREAK
- **9:00 PM – Compline (secondary chapel – OPTIONAL)**
- **9:30 PM** – Grand Silence (if not attending Compline, please observe silence from 9:00 PM)

##### **Friday**

- **6:15 AM – Prime (secondary chapel – OPTIONAL)**
- **6:35 AM** – meditation (secondary chapel – OPTIONAL)
- **6:45 AM – Low Mass (secondary chapel – OPTIONAL)**
- **7:30 AM** – Breakfast (OPTIONAL)
- **8:15 AM** – Conference 3
- **9:15 AM** – BREAK
- **9:45 AM** – Practice 4
- **11:45 AM** – BREAK

- **12:00 PM** – Lunch
- **1:15 PM** – Conference 4
- **2:00 PM** – BREAK
- **2:30 PM** – Practice 5
  - **2:45 PM – 4:00 PM** – Confessions available (main chapel)
- **5:00 PM** – BREAK
  - Time available to visit Blessed Sacrament (main chapel)
- **5:30 PM** – Supper
- **7:00 PM** – Practice 6
- **8:30 PM** – BREAK
- **9:00 PM** – **Compline (secondary chapel – OPTIONAL)**
- **9:30 PM** – Grand Silence (if not attending Compline, please observe silence from 9:00 PM)

### Saturday

- **7:30 AM** – Breakfast (OPTIONAL)
- **8:30 AM** – Bus departs to Old St. Mary's
- **9:30 AM** – Third nocturn of Matins and Lauds of the Dead
- **10:15 AM** – **Requiem Mass (Pontifical)**
- **11:45 AM** – Luncheon
- **1:00 PM** – Bus departs to return to St. Anne Retreat Center
- **2:00 PM** – Conference 5
  - **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** – Confessions available (main chapel)
- **3:00 PM** – BREAK
- **3:15 PM** – Practice 7
- **5:00 PM** – BREAK
  - Time available to visit Blessed Sacrament (main chapel)
- **5:30 PM** – Supper
- **7:00 PM** – **First Vespers of Sunday (main chapel)**
- **7:30 PM** – Social / Free Time
- **9:00 PM** – **Compline (secondary chapel – OPTIONAL)**
- **9:30 PM** – Grand Silence (if not attending Compline, please observe silence from 9:00 PM)

### Sunday

- **7:30 PM** – Breakfast in dining hall (OPTIONAL)
- **8:45 PM** – Bus departs for Sacred Heart WITH ALL LUGGAGE – we are checked out of retreat center
- **9:30 AM** – Practice 8 in Auditorium Hall at Sacred Heart – Luggage locked in secure room.
- **10:30 AM** – BREAK
- **11:00 AM** – **Sunday Mass (Pontifical)**
- **12:30 PM** – Luncheon
- **2:00 PM** – Retreat has officially ended
- **2:30 PM** – **Second Vespers of Sunday at Sacred Heart for any who would like to participate**
  - Retreatants depart for home from Sacred Heart

**To register, please use this enclosed registration form and return with payment.** Checks should be made payable to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, please add "Sacred Music Retreat Registration" in the memo line.

**Sacred Music Retreat registration form      August 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**ADULTS ONLY (18 or older)**

**COPY THIS BLANK FORM AS NEEDED FOR ADDITIONAL REGISTRATIONS**

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<b>TOTAL # ADULTS ATTENDING</b>	<b>X \$450 / person (standard registration)</b>	<b>TOTAL \$\$ AMT</b>
_____	<b>OR X \$495 / person (late registration)</b>	\$ _____

If you need assistance understanding the registration form, please contact John Schauble (retreat coordinator) by phone at 513.405.5094 or by e-mail at [johnschauble@twc.com](mailto:johnschauble@twc.com).

**Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with the memo line indicating “Sacred Music Retreat Registration”.**

**Mail completed registration to:**

Sacred Music Retreat  
Care of: Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
2733 Massachusetts Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH, 45225

Please follow the Sacred Music Retreat on Facebook. As registrations are received, the Facebook page will be updated to reflect number of available spaces remaining.

<https://www.facebook.com/Sacred-Music-Retreat-120810361948967/>

## **The Oratorian Community, Old St. Mary’s, Sacred Heart and St. Anne Retreat Center**

The **Congregation of the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri** is a society of Catholic priests and brothers who live together in a community bound together by no formal vows but only with the bond of charity. They are commonly referred to as Oratorians (Oratorian Fathers).

The **Oratorian Community of Cincinnati** was formally established by papal decree on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. While still a Community-in-Formation, it was entrusted with the care of two diocesan parish churches in Cincinnati, OH. Additionally, priests of the community are chaplains for Christ Hospital and the Hamilton County Justice Center. The main apostolate of the Community is the building up of a Catholic culture in Over-the-Rhine and metropolitan Cincinnati, as the means of promoting holiness and sanctity. **The Community has a special focus on the Sacred Liturgy and Sacred Music.**

In addition to the rich diversity of Masses on Sunday and through the week, (Ordinary Form Masses in English, Latin, and German as well as Extraordinary Form sung Masses on Sundays; daily Mass in both forms) there is regular Extraordinary Form vespers on Sunday afternoons, Masses in both forms on many feasts through the calendar; the full Extraordinary Form Tenebrae and the Triduum in both forms; Forty Hours devotions; and many other Liturgies and activities through the year. As part of the apostolate, the Community also supports a well-established pregnancy center and working toward building a special confessional with 24x7 access.

**Old St. Mary’s church** is the Oratory Church and main base of activity. This church is the oldest standing church in Cincinnati, having been dedicated in 1842. It is a parish community with a rich history and proud German heritage, and is located in Over-the-Rhine – believed to be the largest most-intact urban district listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This beautiful church is one of several that are featured in various walking tours of Over-the-Rhine.

The Community also has care of **Sacred Heart Church** in Camp Washington. Sacred Heart is a beautiful church with a rich Italian heritage. The church hosts two Italian dinners annually, with lines stretching around the block. Masses are offered in both OF and EF forms, with the Extraordinary Form available daily. Sacred Heart has been the site of the diocesan Extraordinary Form Masses for nearly 30 years.

**St. Anne Retreat Center** is located in the adjoining diocese of Covington and is twenty minutes from Cincinnati downtown. This beautiful center served as the provincial house for the Sisters of Divine Providence, and was acquired by the diocese to serve as a retreat center in 2012. The grounds are quite beautiful and a match for the grand buildings. The retreat house boasts an excellent chef and accommodations for 120 retreatants.