Monsignor Franz Nekes (d. 1914) was a Roman Catholic priest, composer, and conductor. He worked in Aachen. • On 9 October 1887, Nekes was appointed inspector and lecturer for harmony and counterpoint at the *Gregoriushaus church music school* in Aachen, founded in 1881 by the collegiate bandmaster Heinrich Böckeler, the first West German organist school with boarding school. On 21 January 1891, Nekes was appointed vicar of the monastery and at the same time succeeded Heinrich Böckeler as the monastery bandmaster at the Aachen Cathedral. He was responsible for the direction of the *Cappella Carolina*, the Aachen Cathedral and Cathedral Choir. In 1900, Nekes was appointed Vice President of the *Cologne Diocesan Cäcilienverein*. On 9 September 1911, he was appointed canon at the Liebfrauenmünster in Aachen. After Nekes had celebrated his 70th birthday on 13 February 1914, he suffered a stroke in April 1914, from which he died on 6 May 1914.



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