Since 1976, the members of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians have devoted themselves to serving the life and mission of the Catholic Church in the United States by fostering the art of musical liturgy.

**How do we do that? By training music ministers for service of singing assemblies in Catholic communities.**

- NPM members, now in 90% of Catholic dioceses and archdioceses in the U.S., have provided nearly 40 years of service to singing assemblies.
- We have offered schools and institutes to train pastoral musicians, pastoral liturgists, music educators, and clergy in more than 130 cities. At our 94 regional and national conventions, members have improved their skills, helped one another, and deepened their understanding of what the Church wants and needs.
- We have 70 chapters in which members learn together and support each other.
- Since 2004, we have certified that 641 cantors have the basic skills of singing service music, sight singing, and general musical and liturgical knowledge. Since 2012, 23 have been certified as cantor colleagues with advanced skills and musical, liturgical, and applied pastoral knowledge.
- Since 1999, we have certified that 64 organists have the fundamentals of playing service music and general organ literature in Catholic communities. Another 103 organists have received service playing certificates granted jointly by NPM and the American Guild of Organists, and another 16 have earned organ colleague certificates granted jointly by NPM and the AGO.
- Since 1990, NPM and its partners have awarded more than $420,000 in academic scholarships to improve the quality of pastoral music leadership.

Since its founding, NPM has been committed to encouraging the Church’s song of praise to God in the Sacred Liturgy. Supported by this work, music in the Catholic Church in the United States grows ever stronger as the people sing God’s praise and grow in holiness supported by well-trained pastoral musicians.

**Join us. Spread the word. The work is not yet done.**