



The Diocesan Music Ministry is present at diocesan liturgies to lead the sung prayer of the assembly through our choral and instrumental music. Diocesan liturgies are those at which Bishop Guillory is the main celebrant and homilist, liturgies to which all the diocese is invited and which celebrate the diversity of our diocese through the liturgical ministers and the music. Those participating in the Diocesan Music Ministry are singers and/or instrumentalists and are not required to belong to a parish choir or to be able to read music. However, to sing in choir one must be able to carry a tune and this is determined by a short meeting with the Director of the Office of Worship before becoming a part of the Diocesan Choir. This is not a “membership” choir; anyone may sing, for one, several or all diocesan liturgies, depending on what their schedule allows. Instrumentalists of the Diocesan Music Ministry must be skilled in their instrument and this, also, is determined by meeting with the Director prior to playing with the choir.



Bishop celebrates many diocesan liturgies throughout the year, most of which take place at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. These include the BFA Intentions Mass, the Wedding Anniversary Mass, the Red Mass for the beginning of the Judicial Year in October, the Katharine Drexel Mass, The Martin Luther King liturgy, Martin de Porres liturgy, the Rite of Election on the First Sunday of Lent, the Chrism Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week, clergy ordinations, church dedications, and various other special liturgies that may arise. In addition there is a Diocesan Funeral Ministry Choir dedicated to singing at the Funeral Rites for all clergy and for parish funerals if there is no parish music ministry.

There is a need to insure there will be sung music ministry at all diocesan liturgies. A schedule of these liturgies and their related diocesan choir rehearsals is prepared each July and sent to all on our Diocesan Music Ministry database, Liturgy Directors and Music Directors. We ask singers to consider which liturgies they can commit to, realizing there are one or two required rehearsals prior to the date of each liturgy. Rehearsals take place at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 710 Archie Street in Beaumont on Tuesdays from 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

There is always a need in the Diocesan Music Ministry for proficient instrumentalists as well as choristers, such as guitarists, flautists, percussionists, clarinet, bassoon, oboe, and brass. Good instrumentation brings music to life. If you know of a mature and accomplished instrumentalist, you may want to share this information with them and ask them to call me.



For more information on this ministry, call the Office of Worship at 409-924-4321. God has gifted many prayerful people with a talent for music, and assisting in the Diocesan Music Ministry by sharing that talent is a return to God for his blessings.

