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### ***DIOCESAN MUSIC MINISTRY***

The **DIOCESAN MUSIC MINISTRY** is, at its name implies, a ministry of music, present at *diocesan liturgies* to lead the sung prayer of the assembly through 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 the Diocese of Beaumont visible in 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 read music. Those wishing to sing in the choir must be able to carry a tune which is determined by meeting with the Director of the Office of Worship/Diocesan Choir before they begin singing with the choir. Instrumentalists of the Diocesan Music Ministry must be skilled in their instrument which is determined by meeting with the Director of the Office of Worship/Diocesan Choir and Director of Instrumentalists.

The Diocesan Choir is not a “membership” choir; anyone may sing for one, several or all diocesan liturgies, depending on what their schedule allows. A schedule of diocesan liturgies for the year is sent to all in the music ministry database indicating the date, time and place of the diocesan liturgy as well as the rehearsal dates. Most rehearsals take place on Tuesdays, at the Catholic Pastoral Center (Chancery), 710 Archie Street, Beaumont from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Singers are asked to RSVP two weeks ahead of the rehearsals for the liturgy for which they wish to sing. Particular instrumentalists are **requested** by the Director of the Diocesan Choir for particular liturgies as not all diocesan liturgies use instrumentalists.

Bishop celebrates many diocesan liturgies throughout the year, most of which take place at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. These include the BFA Intentions Mass in summer, the Red Mass in October, the 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass in October, the Rite of Election on the First Sunday of Lent, the Chrism Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week, and various other special liturgies that may arise, such as clergy ordinations, clergy funerals, church dedications, etc.

There is always a need for the choral part of the **DIOCESAN MUSIC MINISTRY** to insure there will be sung music leadership at all these liturgies, and there is a need for singers from all cultures, from all parishes, to be truly a “diocesan” ministry. Also there is always a need in the **DIOCESAN MUSIC MINISTRY** for instrumentalists, proficient in their instrument, such as guitarists, flautists, percussionists, clarinet, bassoon, oboe, and brass. Good instrumentation helps bring music to life.

A **Diocesan Youth Choir** and an **Adult Diocesan Handbell Choir** are being formed. 

*If you are interested in learning more about this ministry of music, please contact Rosalind Sanchez.*