Role of Music in Worship: Reflecting on the Past; Looking Toward the Future

We all know the centrality of music in Catholic worship. It is not mere decoration, but it is integral to the liturgy. The early liturgical music document, *Music in Catholic Worship*, stated, “Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken and destroy it.”

Musical excellence is supremely important in fostering good worship and nourishing the faith of our Sunday assemblies. We must continue to grow in our awareness and need for assuring musical excellence at every liturgical gathering, especially on Sundays.

Join Fr. Michael Joncas as he reflects on the role of music in worship. He will revisit and explore with us some of the Church’s documents on music in worship. We will reflect upon our experience of music in worship over the past fifty years and discover where we need to grow in developing liturgical music programs that foster and nourish the faith of our people.

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He is the author of five books and over two hundred articles and reviews in journals such as Worship, Ecclesia Orans, and Questions Liturgiques. He has composed and arranged over 300 pieces of liturgical music.

This workshop will be of interest to not only musicians, but clergy and others responsible for worship!

Date: Friday, November 15, 2013
Place: Our Lady of Sorrows Pastoral Center
       330 Lebanon Street
       Monroe, OH 45050
Time: 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Registration deadline—November 11, 2013

Cost: $45.00 per person
(Includes registration fee, continental breakfast, lunch.)

Payment Options: (check one)
( ) Bill Parish
( ) Pay at door
( ) Bill Priestly Formation Office (priests only)
( ) Payment Enclosed: Mail and make check payable to Worship Office,
    Archdiocese of Cincinnati
    100 E 8th St., Cinti., OH 45202

Please send a completed registration form for each person registering. To register online go to: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/role-of-music-in-worship-reflecting-on-the-past-looking-toward-the-future/. (If you are registering online and we are not billing your parish, payment must be received by deadline date.) Cancellation Policy: No refunds after deadline date. Questions? Call the Worship Office 513-421-3131 or email worship@catholiccincinnati.org. The Worship Office fax # 513-421-1582.