

Ministry Description
For the Choir Support Team (part of the Music Ministry in the Worship Forum)
(3/31/15)

Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ by supporting the Director of Music and the ministry of the choirs.

We are part of this Christian Community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, Active in Worship of God, Discipleship for all ages, Serving Christ in the world.

The Ministry of Music in this parish:

- **is first and foremost for the Worship of God by the whole congregation,**
- **also Grows Disciples by learning, prayer and Christian Community.**

(see the full Mission & Vision for the Ministry of Music)

The Choir Support Team advances the Mission & Vision of the Ministry of Music by:

- Communicating regularly and personally with the Director of Music,
- Communicating regularly and personally with choir members, choir parents, and the parish at large, especially in recruiting new singers for all choirs,
- Promoting healthy collaboration to focus on our mission,
- Organizing evenings dinners between choir rehearsals,
- Organizing adult volunteers to be present for Children's and Youth Choir rehearsals and activities. These volunteers will be trained in 'Safeguarding God's Children.'
- Providing support to the music program for special events and activities as needed, working with the Director of Music, the Chair of the Worship Forum and the Rector.

Roles for the Choir Support Team:

- **Leader:** is the main point of contact for parents of children and youth choristers and others about the music program and any logistical support. The Team Leader assures that various team tasks are accomplished and facilitates healthy communication with the Director of Music, the Rector, and the parish. The Team Leader (or Co-Leader) should attend monthly Worship Forum meetings. The leader usually serves for one year and rotates to a new role. The Leader actively draws new people into the Team and develops leadership for the future.
- **Co-Leader:** Assists and backs-up the Team Leader.
- **Dinner Coordinator(s):** Coordinates dinners between rehearsals. Recruits people and groups to provide each dinner. The Coordinators should not be the cooks, but rather the recruiters and coordinators of the cooks. The best model includes many hands bringing various dishes to the table. The coordinator also arranges for proper cash handling according to parish procedures.
- **Adult Volunteers:** serve as chaperones for rehearsals and other events, in compliance with 'Safeguarding God's Children.'

The core Team should meet regularly (every two months?) with the Director of Music.

The core Team need not include all adult volunteers, but should include a parent of a children's choir chorister, a parent of a youth choir chorister, and a member of the adult choir.

Note that the Rector is the final authority on all matters pertaining to worship and music.

The Rector and the Director of Music regularly collaborate in the direction of the music ministry.