

(Focus on the arts)

The **Diocese of Columbus Catholic Schools Honor Choir** Concert “Worthy is the Lamb” will be held Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at St. Andrew Parish, Upper Arlington, Ohio. This program is celebrating its tenth annual event. Each year, students from all of our diocesan schools are invited to participate in a one-day choral event under the direction of artistic director and clinician, Sheila Cafmeyer. More than 250 singers from 16 schools will perform, representing diocesan grade schools, St. Francis DeSales High School and Ohio Dominican University.

Leading the students in song this year will be Artistic Director, Sheila Cafmeyer. She has had an active career in music: leading the choirs at Bishop Hartley High School 2002-2010; directing and performing in musicals for high school, college, and community theaters; teaching private voice lessons; and freelancing as a wedding vocalist. She has sung professionally as a member of Lancaster Chorale since 2000. She earned her Master in Music Education from Capital University, and in 2012 she assumed the role of choir director at Ohio Dominican University. With the support of diocesan music teachers, Sheila has served as artistic director and clinician for the Diocese of Columbus Catholic Schools Honor Choir since its inception in 2008. “This event lives inside my head all year long,” she said, “until we can finally convene and bring it to life. Our music teachers do the hard work of teaching the music to their select singers while juggling musicals, Masses, lesson plans, and classes. Under the clear guidance of the Holy Spirit, each performance promises to bless all participants and our audience.”

In addition to the honor choir performance, individual selections will be performed on this concert by featured ensembles including the youth choirs of St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster and St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg, St. Francis DeSales High School’s choral ensemble, and the Ohio Dominican University Chorus. To order a copy of this year’s performance, go to <http://soundwaves.org/> and search “Diocese of Columbus.”

This event was developed by diocesan music teachers as an effort to give their singers an opportunity to perform challenging music in a large ensemble setting. Singers prepare the music under the guidance of their music teachers and assemble for one afternoon rehearsal and evening performance.

Sacred music of all styles, Renaissance to Contemporary, will be performed during this celebration of song in an effort to demonstrate our unity and Catholic heritage through music. A free will offering will be collected for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen in appreciation for the service it provides our community. The concert at St. Andrew Parish begins at 6:30 PM, 1899 McCoy Rd, Upper Arlington, OH.

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(Happenings)

April 19, WEDNESDAY

Diocese of Columbus Catholic Schools Honor Choir Concert

6:30 p.m., St. Andrew Parish begins at 6:30 PM, 1899 McCoy Rd, Upper Arlington. This 10th annual concert of sacred song is performed by more than 250 singers representing diocesan elementary schools, St. Francis DeSales High School and Ohio Dominican University, led by artistic director Sheila Cafmeyer. Free will offering for Holy Family Soup Kitchen. Recordings available at

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