



THE SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

Poetry and Music

Presented by Ian Campbell
Music Director, St. Cathedral

October 21, 2017 at 2-4 PM
Fee \$20 payable at the beginning of class (credit, debit, cash)

A two-hour session focused on expressing the words that we sing. We will discuss four tools to help us express the poetry of our hymns and psalms.

Those tools are:

- 1) poetic meter and its use in singing;
- 2) phrase direction and choosing important words;
- 3) signing diction (pronunciation) vowels, consonants, diphthongs, tips, and tricks;
- 4) and finding the character and telling the story.

This session will include briefly introduce each of the four tools described above. We will then choose several songs, familiar and unfamiliar, and use these four tools to make the poetry that we are singing clear, understandable, and meaningful. We will have a short coffee and fellowship break. Handouts will be provided, please bring a pencil (not pens).

Sessions to be held at:
St. Mary's Cathedral, 353 St. Mary Ave,
Winnipeg, MB

More information and sign up at:
<http://bit.ly/smchoirschool>

Navigating Reading Music

Presented by Ian Campbell
Music Director, St. Mary's Cathedral

November 18, 2017 at 1-4 PM
Fee \$30 payable at the beginning of class (credit, debit, cash)

This three-hour session will focus on aspects of written music that we encounter in our hymn books.

Subject that will be covered are:

- 1) Meter and Rhythm;
- 2) Bass & Treble Clef and Note Reading;
- 3) and Solfege, Intervals, the Scale, Keys, and Chromatics.

We will spend about half of the session working toward a theoretical understanding of these topics and then the second half applying this to music we sing in church. Materials and suggestions will be given to continue learning after this session. We will have a short coffee and fellowship break.

Handouts will be provided, please bring a pencil (not pens).

If you or your parish musical community would like to host an 'in house' choir school workshop please send an email to: Ian Campbell at: smcmusicministry@gmail.com



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