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Diocesan Music Ministry Retreat and Workshop

Pastoral Musicians as Partners in Preaching



Fr. James Marchionda, OP

September 26 & 27, 2025
St. Joseph Church | Amery, WI





St. Joseph Church, Amery, WI

<https://stjosephamery.org/> | 715.268.7717
1050 Keller Avenue North, Amery, WI 54001



Friday, September 26

5:00p Social Time
6:30p Welcome, Prayer, Dinner
7:30p Presentations
9:00P Conclusion
\$45

Saturday, September 27

Continental Breakfast 8:30a
Morning Prayer 9:00a
Morning Presentations 9:30a
Lunch, Presentations 12:00 p
Conclusion 3:15p
\$45

Presentation Topics

The Unique Role of the Responsorial Psalm and its Communion Connection
Texts that Speak to the Heart of the Gospel
Songs of Hope in Turbulent Times
Choral Reading Session



LODGING

Blocks of rooms are reserved at the following: (Don't forget to mention "Diocese of Superior")

Forest Inn – 1045 Riverplace Dr., Amery
715.268.4100 | Call hotel directly for 15% discount. Offer not available online. Valid through Friday, Aug 29.
(4) single rooms w/ 1 queen bed regularly priced at \$125.00 plus tax
(2) double rooms w/ 2 queen beds regularly priced at \$130.00 plus tax

St. Croix Casino Hotel – 777 Highways 8/63, Turtle Lake
715.986.4000 | Call casino hotel directly for special rate. Offer not available online. Valid through Friday, Aug 29.
(60) rooms w/ 2 queen beds regularly priced at \$133.04 plus tax
(15 miles NW of Amery)

Additional lodging options

Camelot Motel – 359 Keller Ave S., Amery
715.268.8194

Holiday Inn Express – 2190 US Hwy 8, St. Croix Falls
715.483.5775
(14 miles west of Amery)

Americinn – 1020 S. Knowles Ave., New Richmond
715.246.3993
(16 miles SW of Amery)

Amerivu Inn & Suites – 814 N. Knowles Ave., New Richmond
715.246.4606
(15 miles SW of Amery)

**REGISTRATION ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS BROCHURE
-PLAN TO REGISTER AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS SOON -**

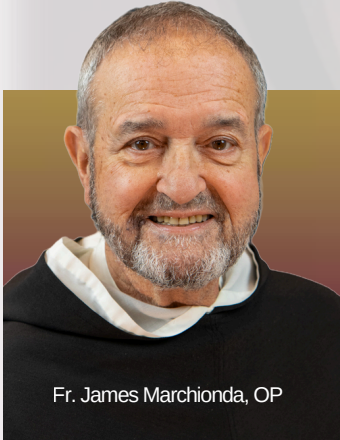
For questions or concerns prior to the workshop please contact Paul Birch: 715.392.2937 | pbirch@catholicdos.org

SWAP SHOP - Bring gently used liturgical music to share (at no cost) !

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Join us for an enlightening and inspirational weekend worship led by Fr. James Marchionda, OP, as he shares his personal faith journey, his passion for music ministry, and how he incorporates the message of the Gospel through his compositional process and in his daily life.

Fr. Jim Marchionda is a Dominican priest, preacher, composer and woodwind instrumentalist (clarinet and alto sax) who has been engaged in retreat and parish mission preaching since 1994. His unique ministry creatively combines the Dominican charism of preaching with a professional career in sacred music.

Born in 1947 in Struthers, Ohio, Fr. Jim made his religious profession in the Order in 1968 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1973. He attended St. Thomas University, DePaul University, Aquinas Institute of Theology and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

A member of the Chicago-based Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great, he has served nine years as Vicar Provincial and twenty-five years on the Provincial Council. More recently, for eight years, from 2015-2023, he served as provincial of the Province. Since 2024, he has returned to a part-time ministry in preaching and sacred music.

A noted composer for World Library Publications for over 30 years, one of his compositions, *I Was Hungry*, was sung during the communion rite at the funeral of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta. World Library is now a division of G.I.A. Publications of Chicago, through which Fr. Jim's music CDs and octavos are available.

Pastoral Musicians as Partners in Preaching

As musician, composer and preacher, I have come to realize that both the Church and the world are in considerable need of renewed passion, energy, and creativity in the presentation and preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Although there are various ways to preach the Gospel, one of the most beautiful, most unique, and truly most inspiring ways is through pastoral music ministry. What a powerful way to not only support the Gospel, but amazingly so, to bring the Gospel to life. Perhaps, new life!

I have always believed that Gospel preaching is more effective through music. Having sometimes wished that people leaving Sunday Mass would remember the preacher's every word, the truth is, that just doesn't happen, no matter how good the preacher is! However, very often, people do leave Church humming a tune – a tune that spoke to their hearts, a tune that brought a tear to their eyes, a tune that moved them at a level of depth that mere words simply cannot reach. And in that memory, in that humming, the Gospel remains alive.

Over a half-century ago, the Second Vatican Council stated: "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of immeasurable value, greater even than that of any other art!" Following the Council's lead, the U.S. Bishops Conference added: "Music, in addition to expressing texts, can also unveil a dimension of meaning and feeling, a communication of ideas and intuitions which words alone cannot yield."

Pastoral musicians, that's what we are called to facilitate, reflect, and effect: a dimension of meaning and feeling, a communication of ideas and intuitions which words alone cannot yield! Pastoral musicians, we are gifted, talented, generous instruments of the Church who are, in fact, partners in preaching. We are partners in preaching. What a calling!

Further Details:

- 1) The Unique Role of the Responsorial Psalm and its Communion Connection
- 2) Texts that speak to the Heart of the Gospel
- 3) Songs of Hope in Turbulent Times
- 4) Choral Reading Session



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REGISTRATION FORM

ONE FORM PER REGISTRANT WITH COMPLETE CONTACT INFORMATION - IN CASE OF EVENT CANCELLATION

Registrations due: Friday, September 12, 2025

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - THANK YOU

ATTENDING: _____ Friday Eve \$45 and/or _____ Saturday \$45

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR - PAYMENTS *WILL NOT* BE ACCEPTED ON-SITE
DON'T LET THE INABILITY TO PAY EARLY DELAY YOUR REGISTRATION!
YOU WILL BE BILLED LATER

Fee(s): ____ Included | Fee(s) Arriving: ____prior to / ____after Workshop

Name: _____

Parish Name | Town: _____ | _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Medical Dietary Needs: _____

I serve my parish as... *(check all that apply)*

____ CANTOR ____ CHOIR/VOCAL ENSEMBLE ____ ORGANIST ____ PIANIST ____ OTHER INSTRUMENTALIST

____ GUITARIST ____ PAID PARISH MUSIC COORD. ____ PASTOR ____ PARISH LIFE COORD. ____ PARISH DIRECTOR

Submit your completed registration form by mail or email:



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