

Become a Choir Member

Expectations of a Choir Member

1. Attendance

Attendance at each rehearsal is an important part of the overall success of the Choir. Rehearsals are held twice a month but may increase in number prior to a scheduled event. In between rehearsals, members are expected to review and practice the music in order to be ready to sing the pieces at the next rehearsal with the ensemble. Timeliness at rehearsals and events is also expected so that rehearsals and vocal warm-ups can begin and end on time. If a member is unable to attend a rehearsal or an event, then, as a courtesy, they should contact the Office of Worship.

2. Schedule of Rehearsals and Events

Since many Diocesan Choir members also participate in their parishes as cantors, choir members and musicians, great care is taken to ensure that Diocesan Choir events and rehearsals do not conflict with parish celebrations. Should a conflict develop requiring your presence at a parish event instead of a Diocesan Choir event, please notify the Office of Worship to let them know of your change in plans.

3. Music

“Choir Notes” will be distributed for your information at each rehearsal. It includes a list of music that the Choir will be rehearsing. Members need to bring a pencil to each rehearsal for marking their music and may indicate on the front of a piece of music for what part it is marked. Each member is assigned a Folder number and must mark all of their music with that same number. Music is collected at the end of each season by the Choir Librarians and will be re-distributed by number so that each singer will be able to receive their own personally marked music.

4. Concert and Event Attire

At liturgies and other performances, the “choir dress” is a black blouse, black skirt or pants and shoes for women. The men are requested to wear a dark suit, white shirt, tie, and shoes.

5. Dues

Dues of \$30.00 per year are collected at the time of annual choir renewal in August. The dues are used to help defray the cost of music, rehearsal space and musical accompaniments. Additional monetary contributions are gratefully accepted from our members who are then designated in our programs as “Friends of the Diocesan Choir.”