



Mary Hrich has been a liturgical musician in the Diocese of Cleveland since 1984, when she first met Paul (her husband) as part of the contemporary ensemble at St. Martin of Tours. In 2024, Mary was appointed Director of the Office for Worship of the Diocese of Cleveland. Prior to her diocesan appointment, Mary's most recent parish work included 25 years at St. Mary Magdalene in Willowick, serving as Director of Liturgy and Music. Mary's past ministry has also included service to the communities of St. Martin of Tours (Maple Heights), St. Monica's (Garfield Heights), Church of the Resurrection (Solon), St. Michael's (Independence), Ss. Cosmas and Damian (Twinsburg) and the Community of St. Joseph (Rocky River). Mary graduated from John Carroll University with honors and has a BS in Psychology, with a minor in theology.

In 1993, Mary and Paul founded AbleWRITE, Inc., a technical writing and graphic design agency. In 2000, they added a Proforma franchise to expand offerings. Together, AbleWRITE and Proforma provided breadth and depth in high-quality technical writing, printing, promotional materials, and e-commerce solutions.

In 2012, Bob Soeder and Mary Hrich began their first formal collaboration: *Sustaining the Journey*, a ministry resource for those seeking renewal and refreshment. Through workshops, retreats, concerts, and a variety of in-person offerings, *Sustaining the Journey* events encourage, develop, and affirm attendees. Twice -monthly blogs and weekly inspirations provide an online opportunity to wander on the journey of self -discovery and mindful growth. With the burgeoning growth of technology, online offerings continue to be developed. Their time praying together, writing, preparing for events, and attending continuing education together has brought life to their synergistic gifts.

Mary and Paul have 4 children and two daughters-in-law (Timmy & Sarah, Chris & Hannah, Jess and Abby) and currently reside in Solon, OH. As their children can attest (often with rolling eyes), Mary believes that if something is worth doing, it is worth doing well. She believes in lifelong learning, reaching higher, and being inspired regularly by even the small things in life. With attention to detail and a passion for good liturgy, Bob and Mary offer the fruits of this collaboration to help others reach a higher level.

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