



A Workshop for All Who Plan Liturgy and Worship Services “Planning and Preparing Worship Services”

Sustaining the Journey, a workshop series endorsed by both the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and the American Guild of Organists, is an opportunity for all Liturgical Ministers to experience **renewal** and **refreshment**. With a combined 70+ years of liturgical ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland, presenters **Bob Soeder** and **Mary Hrich** bring with them a wealth of experience, knowledge, and music. Each workshop begins with a light meal, time for fellowship and prayer, and includes stories, singing, and a little learning along the way! Designed for **all who plan and prepare liturgical celebrations and worship services**, this *Sustaining the Journey* event will leave you with food for thought and a renewed enthusiasm for liturgical ministry. **Come for the food – stay for the nourishment!**

Every week, our churches celebrate multiple Masses, prayer services, and other worship opportunities. **Often the best celebrations occur because of the careful consideration and preparation that happened behind the scenes, long before the Entrance Chant begins.** This workshop addresses some of the skills specific to those who plan and prepare liturgical celebrations, including:

- Seasonal planning – “year at a glance” approach
- Understanding the liturgical calendar
- New music – how much is too much?
- Techniques for introducing new repertoire
- The function of music in liturgy
- What does the GIRM really say?
- Hymnals: Permanent versus Subscription
- Collaboration among professional ministers

Content can be customized to meet your organization’s specific needs.

Why Sustaining the Journey?

No matter the faith tradition, Church Ministers - both volunteer and paid professionals - are the lifeblood of the church. They give countless hours of time serving others...but who takes care of their needs? We all need to nurture our spirits, and *Sustaining the Journey* nourishes body and soul!

Sustaining the Journey workshops provide an opportunity for Church Musicians and Ministers to enjoy an evening of renewal and refreshment. Join with others who are passionate about caring for others and sharing their faith. Recharge your batteries, let someone else do the planning for a change, and enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, music, and inspiration. ***Sustaining the Journey* will leave you with food for thought and a renewed enthusiasm for your ministry.**

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