



A Workshop for All Who Participate in Worship Commissions “Worship Commission Training”

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 develop or serve on Worship Commissions**, 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, by those who recognize “the big picture” of Church. **The collaborative efforts of a Worship Commission facilitate vibrant worship, but participants on a Worship Commission or Liturgy Committee need plenty of formation and preparation – and that takes time! How do we bring people along so they can get on the bike and pedal now?** This workshop will help jump start the process, addressing some of the skills specific to those who serve on Worship Commissions, including:

- Balance of skills – know your members
- Basic educational needs and resources
- Liturgy Documents 101
- Norms for the liturgical year – made easy!
- “The Show” versus “The Prayer”
- Seasonal planning – “year at a glance” approach
- How much is too much?
- Collaboration among ministers and committees

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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