



A Workshop for All Who Plan Weddings “Planning and Preparing Weddings”

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 weddings**, 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!**

A wedding – the sacramental union of two families – can be a turning point in the faith journey of the couple, their families, and their guests. **Weddings can be a time of love and gratitude, and a unique opportunity for evangelization. They can also evoke memories, draw out the opinions of those involved in the planning, and be a source of challenged expectations that result in strain.** This workshop addresses some of the considerations specific to those who plan and prepare wedding celebrations, including:

- Group wedding planning sessions
- Prayer opportunities: Pre-Cana, Planning, Wedding
- What to bring to the rehearsal
- Music options and diocesan guidelines
- Suggestions for liturgical ministers
- Wedding programs/worship aids
- Addressing preconceived expectations
- Sanctity, Sacredness, Sacrament

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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