



Notre Dame Women's Liturgical Choir Newsletter

Fall 2015 to Spring 2016

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Each year as I work with the Alumni Relations officer to edit this newsletter and write my letter to alums and friends of the choir, I am amazed by all the things we accomplish in 30 weeks. This wonderfully talented group of women has performed a staggering amount of music for an incredible number of events both on and off campus. Rather than reiterating the things featured in the pages of this newsletter, I would simply like to highlight the biggest events from the past year.



Not only did we sing football Masses in the Basilica as usual, but this year the WLC sang with the Notre Dame Band, Chorale, and Liturgical Choir for a halftime show at the UMass game. The choir filled in the band section after they took the field and performed Dr. Kenneth Dye's jazzy arrangement of *Joyful, Joyful* and the alma mater. What a fun and unique experience for all involved!

At the beginning of the fall semester, the Women's Liturgical Choir received an extremely generous donation to fund a recording project. Working with Fred Hohman of Zarex Corporation to produce this recording has been an exciting process and a learning experience for all involved. We recorded the CD in three sessions in November, February, and April. Keep your eyes on your email this summer for more details about purchasing the disc.

As many of you have heard through WLC communications as well as through Notre Dame Magazine and other University publications, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart is in the middle of a transition between organs. The Holtkamp organ was removed from the Basilica loft after Christmas and its pipework will be installed in the new St. Pius X Church in Granger, IN. In the interim, we are utilizing a small organ built by Paul Fritts in the west transept for services in the Basilica. The Basilica choirs relocated to this transept to be near the interim organ and to allow loft renovations in preparation for the Murdy Family Organ. The new organ arrives at the beginning of August. Voicing, tonal finishing, and tuning will take place during the fall semester in hopes of having the new organ fully functional before Christmas. You can find more information including some photos from the shop in Tacoma at frittsorgan.com.

I offer my thanks to this year's officers and graduate assistants for all their hard work. This choir could not do all that we do without the efforts, wisdom, time, and talents of this leadership team. I am deeply grateful for their many hours of work outside of rehearsals, liturgies, recording sessions, and concerts to help our ministry in some often unrecognized ways.

Special thanks also to the alums and friends of the WLC for your continued support of this choir and the work we do. It means so much to the choir and me that so many of you offer assistance, encouragement, and support for the ministry of this choir on an ongoing basis.

Sincerely,

Daniel K. Boyle

Year in Review

2015—2016

FALL

08/25 Opening of the School Year Mass

08/29 Beginning of the School year Dinner

09/15 Our Lady of Sorrows Mass

09/26 UMass Halftime Show

We were excited to be a part of the halftime show in the home game against UMass. Go Irish!

10/03 Choir Retreat

10/11 St. Mark's 60th Anniversary Mass

For over six years the choir has sung at the Palm Sunday mass for St. Mark's in Niles, MI. This year we were honored to be a part of their 60th anniversary celebration.

11/14 Wake Forest Concession Stand

This year's stand was a great success. Thanks to all who came!

11/15 Vespers

11/23 First Recording Session

We're working on a new CD!

12/6 Advent Lessons and Carols



2/2 Feast of the Presentation Mass

2/5 —2/7 Tour!

This year we had a blast at St. Louis, MO!

2/17 Second Recording Session

2/20 Junior Parent Weekend Mass

2/21 Vespers Concert

2/26 Stations of the Cross

4/4 Annunciation Mass

4/20 Last Recording Session

4/30 End of the Year Dinner

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St. Louis Tour

This past February we embarked on our annual tour, making stops in Lafayette, IN, St. Louis, MO and Carmel, IN. We began our tour with a concert at St. John Episcopal Church in Lafayette, IN, where we also enjoyed a wonderful dinner prepared by the choir at St. John's. After staying with members of the St. John community overnight, we departed the next morning for St. Louis, spending the day exploring the Central West End and enjoying the beautiful weather. We sang the Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Gabriel the Archangel

Church in St. Louis, and spent the night with host families from the Notre Dame Club of St. Louis. The next morning we headed to Carmel, IN, the last stop in our 2016 tour. After having lunch as a choir, we sang a concert at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and headed back to Notre Dame. We had a wonderful time getting to know each other, meeting our hosts, visiting new places, and sharing our music with all those who came to hear us sing. We would like to extend a very special thank you to the community at St.

John Episcopal Church in Lafayette, the Notre Dame Club of St. Louis, St. Gabriel the Archangel in St. Louis, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Carmel. Thank you for your hospitality and generosity, and for making our tour such a success.

—Katie Gallagher, Tour Director



It is a truly special niche on campus, of women who are kind, genuine, and talented--and who also join together a few times to week to minister through song. I'm so glad I joined! **Elizabeth Stoeckl**

St. Louis Tour

Our concert consisted of four themed sections that reflect the variety of music we sing.



Nunc tempus accepabile Paul French

Inclina Domine Gabriel Rheinberger

Ave Maria Chant, mode I

Ave Maria Vernon Williams

Duo Seraphim Richard Dering

Cantate Domino Nancy Hill Cobb

Sing Praises, Sing Praises Kent Newbury

Consacrons nos airs François Couperin

Zion's Walls Aaron Copland

Psalm Trilogy Srul Irving Glick

Psalm 92: Mizmor Shir L'yom Hashabbat

Psalm 47: Lam'natzeiach Livnei Korach Mizomor

Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd

Nunc dimittis Robert Powell

Rise up, My Love Eleanor Daley

Loving Shepherd Bob Chilcott

Alleluia David Conte

Notre Dame, Our Mother Casasanta/O'Donnell, CSC



I love singing in Women's Liturgical Choir because not only is it a unique group that creates sound no one else can duplicate, but we also have the best director ever! **Celene Olguin**

Co-Presidents' Commentary

Greetings from the WLC Co-Presidents!

We hope this letter finds you all in good health, and that you are enjoying catching up with the WLC. As you can see from this year's newsletter, it has been an extremely rewarding year. Our membership continues to grow, and our schedule seems to get busier each year as we participate in more liturgies and concerts.

As many of you know, the Holtkamp organ in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart has found a new home in Granger, Indiana. We are receiving a new organ, the Murdy Family Organ, that will make its way to South Bend in August. Since the choir loft is being completely renovated to hold such a beautiful instrument, we have moved downstairs into the west transept of the Basilica. It has been quite a learning experience and we are all excited to create many memories with the new organ come next semester!

The Women's Liturgical Choir has been working on a major project throughout this school year: we are recording the first WLC-only CD in 15 years! With two recording sessions already done, we will finish recording in our final session at the end of April. The CD will include such fan-favorites as "Rise Up My Love" and Glick's *Psalm Trilogy*. When the CD is finished processing, we will have plenty of information about how to purchase the CD on our Facebook page and website, and copies can be shipped through the ND store. We are looking forward to sharing this project with all of you!

This year, our tour took us through Lafayette, IN, St. Louis, MO, and Carmel, IN. We had so much fun interacting with families, alumnae, and fans that have supported our choir. Thank you to all who hosted us, fed us, and traveled to see us perform!

We have no doubt that this choir will continue to succeed in its ministry for years to come. Although it saddens us that after four years, we graduating seniors will no longer be active parts of this family, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the co-presidents of this choir for the past year. We are so proud of each and every one of our members and the fantastic work we do as a whole. From the transition of singing downstairs to the long hours of recording sessions, your hard work will be rewarded with a new organ and a new recording. Thank you for making beautiful music with us for the past four years. We will forever cherish the memories that WLC has made for us, and you will always have a special place in our hearts.

God bless,
Libby Wright and Emma Nalin

Retreat

Alyssa McBride, Liturgical Commissioner

On October 3rd, 2015, we engaged in a night of fun, games, and reflection on our musical ministry at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. We treasure this fall retreat each year as precious time to step back from our busy music-learning routine to bond as a choir. The night began with some of our favorite ice breakers such as "I Love My Neighbor Who," the alliterations name game, and section song battles, fought with "full heart and voice!" After making some new friends, we came together to reflect on how we bring the five pillars of Holy Cross to life through our musical ministry. We truly are a musical family full of heart, mind, and zeal for our ministry, and we hope that our talents bring glory to God and help spread the good news to our Basilica family and beyond.

After a humbling reflection, we then enjoyed making some lasting inside jokes during a few massive rounds of Catch Phrase and Apples to Apples. Finally, we ended our night on a peaceful and contemplative note with Night Prayer, led by our cantors. Retreat continues to be a favorite WLC event each year, with fond memories preserved forever in our personal retreat reflection letters.



My favorite part of choir is how we can go from laughing about something ridiculous to getting frustrated at not getting something right to finally locking in on a chord and celebrating together; I love that. **Erin Kolasinski**

Graduate Assistants

Brandon Burns received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sacred Music in Organ from Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, NC. He studied organ with Prof. Florence Jowers and conducting with the Rev. Dr. Paul Weber. While there, he served as the Music Director of St. Paul Lutheran Church, ELCA, where he directed the chancel choir, children's choir, and handbells in addition to serving as organist. In addition to playing organs, Brandon has experience building them, having served as an intern in summer 2013 with Taylor and Boody Organ Builders and with the Noack Organ Company. Brandon is currently in his second year of the Master of Sacred Music program at the University of Notre Dame where he studies organ with Dr. Craig Cramer.



Michael Plagerman completed his undergraduate studies in organ performance at Pacific Lutheran University where he studied with Dr. Paul Tegels. While at PLU, Michael served as the director of music and choir director at Prince of Peace LCMS, as well as the student conductor of the PLU Chapel Choir and as president of the Choir of the West. He has been a recitalist and Biggs fellow with the Organ Historical Society, the Tacoma chapter of the American Guild of Organists, St. Paul's Cathedral, Yakima, and St. James Cathedral, Seattle. Michael is currently in his first year of the Master of Sacred Music program at the University of Notre Dame where he studies organ with Dr. Craig Cramer.

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Thanks to our current officers for a wonderful year and congratulations to our newly elected board. We look forward to another amazing year with you.

Women's Lit gives me the opportunity to take a break from normal school routine and expand my musical ability in a supportive, well-rounded community. **Angela Lim**

UMass Halftime Show

This year the choir had the exciting opportunity to perform in the UMass halftime show along with the ND Band, Liturgical Choir, Folk Choir, and Chorale. We sang a jazzed up version of "Joyful, Joyful" and concluded with the Alma Mater. It was such an incredible experience to watch the game from the field and perform.



New Recording!

We're excited to announce that we're recording a new CD. This is the first CD the WLC has recorded in 15 years. We've put in a lot of work in creating music that we hope you will enjoy. It includes old favorites that alumnae will remember singing and some new soon-to-be favorites. More information about purchasing this CD will be made available next academic year.



St. Mark's 60th Anniversary Mass

Six years ago the choir sang Palm Sunday mass at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Niles, MI and has continued visiting St. Mark's annually since then. This year we were honored to be a part of their 60th Anniversary celebration.



I love keeping what some would call an old-fashioned style of music alive by showing people how beautiful it can be. **Clare Urbanski**

Special good-bye to our graduating seniors!

We want to wish our graduating seniors the best of luck in all their future endeavors. We appreciate your admirable dedication and service to this choir. Thank you for showing us the ropes and being such awesome friends. We will miss you.

Hanna Crooks



I am working as an Interim Youth Minister at my home parish this spring, and am currently looking at jobs in youth, young adult, and campus ministry.

Abby Davis



After graduation, I will be moving to Washington, D.C to work in consulting at the Avascent Group.

Katie Irving



I am still figuring out my plans, but I hope to pursue a career relating to education or a working for a non-profit organization.

Faith Mayfield



After graduation, I plan on going to Rome for two months before joining my Aunt in Las Vegas. I have not yet decided on a career, but I'm confident I will find something I enjoy!

Megan McGarel



I will be attending medical school at the University of Tennessee this fall!

Emma Nalin



After graduation, I will travel (back!) to sunny Texas to pursue dual masters degrees in Applied Anthropology and Public Health at UNT.

Libby Wright



I loved my experience in WLC for the past four years and will be forever grateful for the experience. I am still in the process of applying for Marketing and Advertising jobs but will reside in the suburbs of Chicago.

Singing with full heart and voice

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Special thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Notre Dame Women's Liturgical Choir this year. With your support we've been able to fulfil our mission of bringing sacred choral music to the University community both here on campus and around the country. Our music ministry would not be the same without your generous support. Gifts to the University may be directed to the Notre Dame Women's Liturgical Choir endowment by contacting the University's Development Office.

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We also appreciate your purchases of our various CDs and apparel that can be found on our website. We're excited to be working on a new recording and more information will be sent out soon.

With sincerest thanks,
The WLC Officers Board



*Lift thine eyes to the mountain
Whence cometh help*