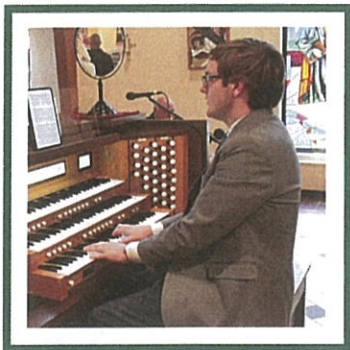


THE Cecilia Project

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission has studied the need for developing vocations among church musicians in order to better support our liturgical life across the diocese in years to come. Liturgical musicians require years of development and mentorship in order to reach competency in ministry. Our current ministers are eager to welcome the next generation. While some of our graduating seniors enter college for a musical career, we believe there are also potential church musicians who will not be able to obtain a degree in music, yet can develop into competent music ministers for our parishes. This program is under the patronage of St. Cecilia, patroness of church musicians.



Brendan - a Cecilia Project Participant and former musician at St. Jude Parish, Columbiana.

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Christine - a Cecilia Project Participant and current Cantor at the Cathedral of St. Columba, Youngstown.

GOALS OF

THE Cecilia Project

To identify and assess high school and college students as potential candidates in our parishes and schools.

To offer study days in basic liturgy, cantor, organ, and piano skills, and other topics depending on need. Study days will be held in various locations throughout the diocese.

To offer additional opportunities for prayer, study, and social activities.

To provide free individual instruction in organ, piano, or voice to qualified students.

To provide all students with the education necessary to attain certification from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians or the American Guild of Organists.

To provide internship opportunities and financial assistance for continuing education for qualified students.

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INTEREST FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parish _____

City _____

Pastor's Signature of Endorsement

Area(s) of interest:

_____ liturgy _____ organ

_____ piano _____ cantor

_____ other _____

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