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## **CURRENT COMMENTS**

## VANCOUVER TO HOLD EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Vancouver, B. C.—When Vancouver celebrates its golden jubilee next June, the city will be the scene of the first Eucharistic Congress ever held in British Columbia.

It is expected that about 50,000 persons will attend the Congress, which will also mark the fiftieth anniversary of the first

Mass celebrated in the city.

The Eucharistic Congress will be held June 11 to 14, the four days including the feast of Corpus Christi. There will be special Masses in the city churches, a Mass for the children, with children's choir, in Stanley Park, and a Pontifical Mass in the same place. Most Rev. W. M. Duke, Archbishop of Vancouver, will sing this Mass.

# ENGLISH CHOIRMASTER WHO ONCE RESIDED IN U. S., DIES

London.—For a time choirmaster at the Cathedral, Covington, Ky., Alfred Booth, a leading figure in the plainchant revival in this country, has died in Liverpool. In 1901, he founded, with the late Rev. J. Rigby, the first purely Gregorian choir on Merseyside. Later he went to the United States but soon returned to Liverpool.

He trained the choir which led the singing of 100,000 people who gathered in Liverpool to celebrate the centenary of Catholic

Emancipation.

## RICHMOND (MINN.) PARISH HAS CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Dom Norbert Gertken, O.S.B., of St. John's Abby, is now devoting his entire time to the development of congregational singing in parishes. He is possibly the only person in the United States specially deputed for that kind of work. He commenced his fall activities in the parish of Richmond, Minn. Altogether there are from five hundred to six hundred members, young and old, in the different chant classes. Work began with pronouncing of the Latin text and getting acquainted with notes and notation. It proceeded to proper methods of singing and interpretation, place of chant in

the liturgy, thought-content of parts sung by the congregation, together with a constant advance in the mastery of parts sung. On the very first Sunday the congregation chanted the responses to the versicles. Then one part after another was sung on succeeding Sundays as it had been mastered during the week. On the fourth Sunday an entire mass (No. XI) was sung, as also the Benediction hymns in the afternoon. Work thereafter has continued on prayerful interpretation of what has been so far mastered and on the learning of further masses.

-Orate Frates, Dec. 28, 1935.

#### SPOKANE, WASH.

## LITURGICAL CORNER

By the Rev. Joseph P. Knecht

In "The Inland Catholic," Dec. 27, 1935

#### O TEMPORA. O MORES

**T** SEE by the papers that solos formed quite a part of the Christmas celebration and by women.

When will organists and choir directors learn the spirit of the liturgy, or, even the

very letter of the law?

Thirty-two years ago Pope Pius X issued his now famous Motu Proprio, which, I am given to understand, has the force of law. But whether it has or not, choirs and organists should be directed by it in its specific rulings and in the general principles it lays down.

### Music Must Be Choral

Section V, paragraph 12, of this document says:

"With the exception of the melodies proper to the celebrant at the altar and to the ministers, which must be always sung in Gregorian chant and without accompaniment of the organ, all the rest of the liturgical chant belongs to the choir of levites, and therefore singers in church, even when they are laymen, are really taking the place of the ecclesiastical choir. Hence the music rendered by them must, at least for the

greater part, retain the character of choral

"By this it is not to be understood that solos are entirely excluded. But solo singing should never predominate to such an extent as to have the greater part of the liturgical chant executed in that manner; the solo phrase should have the character or hint of melodic projection (spunto) and be strictly bound up with the rest of the choral composition.

#### Must Use Boy Sopranos

"On the same principle it follows that singers in church have a real liturgical office and that therefore women, being incapable of exercising such office, cannot be admitted to form part of the choir. Whenever, then, it is desired to employ the acute voices of sopranos and contraltos, these parts must be taken by boys, according to the most ancient usage of the Church."

It is scarcely within the spirit of that "most ancient usage of the Church" to have women singing solos, is it?

Possibly it might be well to add the con-

cluding paragraph of this document:

"Finally, it is recommended to choirmasters, singers, members of the clergy, superiors of seminaries... to favor with all zeal these prudent reforms, long desired and demanded with united voice by all; so that the authority of the Church, which herself has repeatedly proposed them, and now inculcates them, may not fall into contempt."

#### Rome Has Spoken

"Roma locuta est, causa finita est" (Rome has spoken, the case is finished), so legend has it, I believe, that St. Augustine said when the then reigning Pontiff had given his decision in a heated quarrel.

If it does not seem irreverent, I might paraphase that thus: I opened my mouth and most probably have gotten my foot into it—with choirmasters and organists. If I am still alive next week I'll keep my promise to open up the mysteries of the breviary.

#### OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

At St. Joseph's Old Cathedral, Oklahoma City, a new mass by the choirmaster Charles P. Jochem, was heard recently for the first time. Composed for Soprano, Alto and Bass, the St. Joseph's Choral Club, first rendered it under the direction of the composer, on All Saints Day.

#### TEXAS CENTENNIAL

Houston, Texas, January, 1936.—Fifty bishops, 500 priests and 100,000 laymen will take part in the Catholic Texas Centennial military field mass April 21 on San Jacinto battlefield.

Most Rev. C. S. Byrne, bishop of Galveston, who is in charge of arrangements for the elaborate and colorful outdoor ceremony, has ordered white silk vestments, hand embroidered with Texas blue-bonnets, for the clergymen who will celebrate the mass. The vestments will be trimmed in gold. They will be donated by the altar societies of the parishes of the diocese.

Hundreds of school children will take part in the ceremony. Present plans of the Rt. Rev. Monsignor J. B. Schnetzer, superintendent of parochial schools, call for the children to form a living Texas flag which will gradually take the form of the American flag. The children are now being drilled in the intricate maneuvers which this feat calls for.

In making public plans already formulated for the military field mass, the Very Rev. George A. Wilhelm, general chairman of the committees of clergy, called attention to the fact that April 21 marks the 100th anniversary of the battle in which Texas won her independence.

#### ST. LOUIS NOTES

At Christmas, Mr. Joseph Anler of St. Liborius Church, rounded out 40 years as organist at this church. He came to St. Liborius Church from St. Nicholas in 1895, after having served six years at the latter named church. During the past forty years the St. Liborius Choir, directed by Mr. Anler, has sung strictly liturgical music (including the chanting of the Proper of the Mass long before the Motu Proprio appeared).

At St. Joseph's Church, Martinsburg, Mo., the choir occupies a special place to the left of the sanctuary and screened from the congregation.

At a recent Mission held at the Holy Redeemer Church, Webster Groves, Mo., all the singing was done by the congregation. By using standard, well known, traditional hymns, no special rehearsals were necessary and fine results were obtained.

#### RHODE ISLAND

# NOTICE TO SINGERS ABOUT CHOIR PRACTICE

St. Paul's Church, Edgewood, R. I. James I. Wray, Mus. Doc., Choirmaster

(Ed. Note: Singers in the large choir at this church, receive periodical notices, like the following from the choirmaster; to repeat, and impress the importance of, certain points.)

One hour of earnest and intelligent practice, will accomplish more than many choir members realize. It depends entirely on how you think while at rehearsal. Please remember, that you are taking part, and a most essential part in DIVINE SERVICE, and that you are privileged persons. I mean that you should so conduct yourselves with such a degree of moral excellence, that you will be a credit to your church and pastor.

If your spirit of practice is all that it should be, you will take a just pride and much pleasure in mastering the difficulties of church music. If you just rehearse over and over again the easy parts of the mass, you have not acquired the true spirit of practice. It is most unwise to judge your ability by the way you sing the easy parts.

The saying that "Practice makes Perfect," is misleading. The above quotation is true only when the practicing is perfectly done. Try to get the idea that true practice means the use of MENTAL FORCE.

SUCCESS for any choir depends upon one necessary element. "Due regard for the Artistic in Music." I mean by "ARTISTIC" that which is truthful, and the artist is one who gives us this truthful interpretation of the author's conceptions as expressed upon the printed page.

Any student of voice may sing the notes correctly, but it is monotonous and also meaningless. It resembles a picture without shading, tints, or even shadows. It is similar to one who reads without observing the punctation and inflections. It is lacking in musical intelligence. Be true to every mark of expression. Any person can "SCREECH" BUT IT TAKES VERY LITTLE EXTRA EFFORT TO SING MUSICALLY. Like-

wise, it is important to develop your powers of observation or perception. See what the other person fails to see. Did it ever occur to you, that the difference between a fine musician and a poor singer, is not in what they know, but what they actually do. No matter how much you know about singing, you are no better musician than the amount of knowledge that shows in your singing.

James I. Wray.

#### **BOSTON**

### JOSEPH ECKER LECTURES ON HISTORY OF IRELAND IN HER SONGS

Dr. Joseph Ecker has announced for 1936 the completion of a lecture, including rare and valuable stereoptican slides and songs representing the History of Ireland.

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Dr. Ecker has a fine repertoire of Irish music, and his colored slides are of the most excellent and expensive type. Combined, these features should provide a splendid evening's entertainment for Parishes in and about Boston, and already Dr. Ecker has been engaged for many local appearances.

Marie Murray, Contralto, of St. Theresa's Church, West Roxbury, was soloist at the annual Christmas presentation of the famous Handel and Haydn Society at Symphony Hall. The Messiah, directed by Dr. Thompson Stone was well received.

# ROLAND BOISVERT AT MICHIGAN CITY, IND.

Roland Boisvert, well known Catholic Church Musician, has been appointed organist and choirmaster at St. Mary's Church, Michigan City, Indiana. He will also serve as Supervisor of Music in the Parish school, with a view towards introducing the Ward Method in the first grade in September.

# DIOCESAN LETTER FROM INDIANAPOLIS CHURCH MUSIC COMMISSION

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TO THE DIOCESAN CLERGY, THE CLERGY OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS, OTHER RELIGIOUS, CHOIRMASTERS AND DIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS:

1.—The Season of Advent with its anticipated joyousness in the approach of Christmas, appears to us an opportune time in which to express our appreciation of the good will and evident desire on your part to lend encouragement to the great movement now under way in this country for correct Church Music. While many other Dioceses have been engaged in promoting this activity over a longer period of time, it may be said in all truth that few communities have shown a more laudable spirit of cooperation and devotion to the cause than our own Diocese of Indianapolis.

2.—This manifestation of whole-hearted support on the part of those having to do with Church Music, is not confined alone to urban and rural parishes. Religious houses and parochial schools particularly, have revealed such zealous interest, that we cannot but look forward to an early fulfilment of our wishes to see the ideal of Church Music (as set before us by the saintly Pius X) become a happy reality.

3.—To the end that interest in this activity be given furthur impetus, and in the hope that all may become familiar with Papal Legislation and Diocesan regulations, we have arranged for a reprinting of another issue of the "Bulletin of Regulations on Church Music," a copy of which will be sent to you upon request. Additional reference material recommended by the Commission includes the Society of St. Gregory's "White List," Dom Gregory's "Spotlight on Church Music," Father Predmore's excellent and comprehensive treaties, "Sacred Music and the Catholic Church," etc., etc., all of which are obtainable through this office at the prevailing list prices. With such material so readily available, no Catholic choirmaster, organist or singer, need longer be denied the privilege of acquiring a full knowledge of the subject of Church Music.

4.—For the purpose of completing our files and increasing our facilities for disseminating information on Church Music, we desire that all choirmasters and organists send in their correct names and addresses to this office. Prompt consideration of this request will enable us to properly forward such communications and announcements as will go forward from this office from time to time. A blank form for supplying this information is appended to this letter for your convenience.

5.—Finally, we desire to make known to you that our Church Music Office and Reference Room is now permanently located at No. 144 W. Georgia Street, Indianapolis, where sample copies of masses, motets, hymnals, organ selections and bibliographical material may be examined. It is our earnest wish that those connected with Church Music activities avail themselves of the services thus afforded. Appointments may be made through the Secretary, or by calling the Chancery Offices, RIley 5228.

Assuring you again of our appreciation for your loyal support and generous co-operation, and extending to all our best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year, we remain,

Very respectfully yours,

The Commission on Church Music Diocese of Indianapolis Elmer Andrew Steffen, Sec'y.

Dec. 17, 1935

# NEW PIPE ORGAN DEVELOPED Petit Ensemble Has Many New Features

A pipe organ of new design, called the "PETIT ENSEMBLE," has recently been offered by one of the largest organ builders in the United States.

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#### PARISH KYRIALE

The first edition of the Parish Kyriale, published late last summer, is nearly exhausted. Since the edition consisted of twenty-five thousand copies, and orders are continuing to come to the Liturgical Press in a steady stream, some estimate can be made of the extent to which congregational singing has developed in the United States. The development is particularly gratifying in schools, both elementary and more ad-A new, revised edition of the vanced. Kyriale, embodying many of the corrections and improvements suggested to the editor in reviews of the booklet, will appear about February 1. The price will remain as low as that of the first edition, in order to facilitate the widest possible use of the pamphlet.

#### HOUR OF PRIME

Another publication of the Liturgical Press, The Hour of Prime, appeared last month. It contains the office of Prime from the Roman Breviary for Sunday and for every day of the week. The price is the same as that of the Compline booklet, Into Thy Hands, (15c). With this booklet a long-felt want, and one which has often been given expression to by institutions and schools who desired the Hour of Prime as a common morning prayer, has finally been met. The pamphlet contains one hundred thirteen pages of text, is of handy format, and well bound in durable paper cover. Together with the Compline booklet, it should prove a satisfactory introduction to the Day Hours, or even to the complete breviary. "Orate Fratres."

## **PALESTRINA**

A FTER over four centuries since the birth of Palestrina we find his name still bright in the golden sunsets of time, proudly emblazoned on his tomb in Saint Peter's in Rome—Princeps Musicae—the father and sovereign of the musical annals of the Church.

The name of this son of the humble Sante Pierluigi is the symbol of a great epoch, when Rome was the heart of the civilized world and music throughout all Europe was, in its highest manifestations, as Saldoni declared, a purely ecclesiastical art. It was the period when Popes and councils undertook to reform abuses in the choirs and organlofts; when the universities exacted of all their students a course in "speculative music"; when powerful princes and Cardinals disputed for the possession of a famous organist and choirmaster, and Popes competed with emperors and kings in patronizing the splendid folio publications of their works.

On the domes and porticos of the Eternal City shone the triumphs of Bramante and Palladio; sculpture was at its apogee in Michelangelo, painting was glorious in a Leonardo and a Raphael: archeology, medicine and experimental science were all glittering with the new light of the golden age of the Universal Church.

From distant Spain the Borgias brought their Iberian geniuses and, wrapped in his Castillian cloak, Don Thome de Victoria passed on his famous way in Rome; the Medici brought their musicians as well as their painters and sculptors from Florence; France and the Low Countries competed in this amphitheatre of world culture, disputing for the prizes of the tourney under the eyes of the Vicar of Christ Himself.

Palestrina was a colossal genius. He was the great master of the angelic art. He placed the music of the Church at such a sublime height that no musician or composer, at least to the advent of the instrumental polyphonic music of Bach and Beethoven, even approached him, much less equalled him. The standard of polyphonic music and of the chant which he created inspired their pens and stimulated others of lesser note to compose works becoming the house

of prayer, increasing devotion, aiding the priests and the people in a holy communion of sentiment to reach the throne of God.

It was from Hucbald, the humble Flemish Benedictine born about the year 840, that the present-day system of musical counterpoint first came into being, although it is said that the music of the churches rapidly lost all sense of what we call the proprieties and the relations it should have borne to the service it was supposed to illustrate. We must not forget that our sense of such proprieties is a rather modern development. The older generations saw nothing incongruous in Cyrus in a French peruke, or in Macbeth and Julius Caesar arrayed in Teutonic lambrequins. Words and snatches of old songs were shaken together in extraordinary confusion, so that they no longer expressed any one idea, but took on a character worldly, sensuous, lacking in beauty and the dignity appropriate to the solemnity and directness of Catholic worship. When a famous churchman came forth to declare that the ecclesiastical music of his day was unfit to be offered to God and that nothing but complete ignorance could excuse its participants from grievous sin, the time of papal reform was already at hand.

Palestrina had been called to Rome from his native town, whence he takes his universal name, in the year 1551, and was entrusted with the direction of the boy-choir of the church of Saint Peter's. In 1554 the publication of a volume of Masses gained promotion for him to a place in the papal choir, in spite of the exclusion from that corps of all married men. This favor of Pope Julius (1549-1555) was extended by Pope Marcellus, whose reign lasted for only twenty-one days, and with the election of the rigid disciplinarian, Paul IV, Palestrina found himself dismissed from the choir as an intruding layman. Shortly afterwards he became maestro di cappella of San Giovanni Laterano and here produced his series of Lamentations, Magnificats and the Improperia that have made his name immortal.

Between 1561 and 1571 he held the post of choir-master in Santa Maria Maggiore, the most brilliant epoch in his life. Palestrina has the unique glory of having had his music declared the official model for the re-

forms ordered by the commission of the Council of Trent to put into effect the decree: "Let the Bishops take care to exclude from the churches all musical compositions, whether for organ or for voice, in which anything lascivious or impure is mingled, so that the house of God may truly appear and be called the house of prayer." Pursuant to this decree Pope Pius IV appointed a commission of eight Cardinals, one of whom was the famous Saint Charles Borromeo, who invited Palestrina to compose some Masses to be judged by the commission.

Among the three Masses he submitted, composed in the tonalities of the Gregorian chant, was the renowned Missa Papae Marcelli, the masterpiece of all his works, the musical gem of all ecclesiastical chant. It was first rendered during a Solemn Mass in the Sistine Chapel, celebrated by Cardinal Borromeo in the presence of his uncle, Pius IV, June 17, 1565, and the commission declared it to be, "the vindication of the cause of true church music: first, because it contained no profane or lascivious airs or imitations thereof; second, because it excluded all unliturgical accessories in the text; third, because the sacred words were perfectly intelligible."—Cecilian.

-Catholic Observer, Pittsburgh.

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# THE RHYTHM OF GREGORIAN CHANT

By DOM ADELARD BOUVILLIERS, O.S.B.; M.A.; Mus. Doc.:

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PLATO "calls Music the most powerful of all arts." Quintillian "sees in Music the revelation of supreme beauty." But Music, either vocal or instrumental, must possess RHYTHM.

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And "Rhythm is the art of well-ordered movement" St. Augustine's "Musica est ars bene movendi." (De Musica, 1, 2.)

"Rhythm properly called, in its frank and total acception, is the beautiful ordinance of movement, the vital principle which animates and informs the melodic line" (Dom Gaiard).

"Rhythm is not regular periodicity (which is time proper), nor irregular (which is metre) nor frequency of period (which is tempo), but interplay of all these, which give a sense of getting on, of covering ground. Its function is to fill the music with life, to a symbol of eternal process of bud and blossom and fruit" (M. A. Fox-Strangways, in The Observer of May 1st, 1927).

The best manner in which to approach the study of RHYTHM and expecting to wrangle good results is to study the masters without bursive assaults. Their teaching is persuasive. I mean by persuasive, they appeal and entice to more thorough study, presenting no barter, nor force. Their teaching, on paper, does not look inordinately complex nor cerebral in definition values. Many, though, would find it a bit difficult if they were to try and define rhythm, analyse and disect it. To have had this done by competent teacher, would have been better. As to rhythm, the axiom about compunction for neophyte holds good: it were better, much better, to feel the rhythm than to define it?

Man's analytical faculty be it ever so uneducated, will easily follow the thought given in the aforesaid definitions and not become entangled in labyrinthine circles which sometimes dull the reason's receptivity.

As is known or should be known, the

foundation of all singing is "breath control." This, though, is a subject which is unduly neglected, at times. But its importance should be rightly insisted upon before proceeding on "articulation" (or pronunciation) and "voice production." Only when this has been mastered should the approach to actual "teaching of Gregorian Song" commence. And knowledge of the sacred chant, since it is "free rhythm," should be suitably graded and so suggestive that this process of learning should bring without piercing dictum, but prudent and sagacious demonstrations and studies, the knowledge and application of Rhythm.

As the study of rhythm is the life and soul of the Sacred Roman Chant, it cannot be overlooked or belittled. Please do not consider the study of rhythm as a panacea or

a plan? It is neither!

Dom Mocquereau's two Vols.:—"Le Nombre Musical" are the best works on the subject of Rhythm. The complete title of these two volumes is "Le Nombre Musical Grégorien." The first volume appeared in the year 1908 while the second volume was published but in 1927. Part One of the First volume has been issued in the English Translation of Miss Aileen Tone (Desclée et Cie., 1932). I am aware of the difficulties on the part of a reader who cannot find the necessary time and leisure to peruse Dom Mocquereau's treatise. It needs and deserves, in the project of reading, a rereading more than once, marking, pausing, pondering and making notes and applications from these most meaty of volumes. Further, it needs and deserves scientific consideration. These two publications came, in time, to refute the enormous amount of loose-talk about rhythm and dilettantism, weak and tiresome, often backed with the profoundest ignorance!

If Dom Mocquereau's two volumes seem too ponderous to read, I can refer the enquirer to a small "Grammar of Plainsong." This little work, is now in its third edition (1934, 106 pp.). I much prefer, though, for our subject of rhythm, to refer the enquirer to the same work, but, in its first edition (1905, 133 pp.). Therein the Rt. Rev. Lady

Abbess, Domna Laurentia McLachlan, O.S.B., the authoress, has given a compact essay on the nature and meaning of rhythm. Refer to pages 35 to 45, inclusive; also, to Extended Rhythm, from page 96 to the end of this informative grammar.

It is my wish to explain briefly this subject of rhythm according to the principles of the School of Solesmes. To this School goes the chief honor of having restored the original Gregorian Chant. The School of Solesmes Abbey has at all times given, and still continues to give a sufficiently superior scientific assurance and skill to warrant a reasonably founded confidence in her work.

The rhythm of Gregorian Chant is "an unhampered musical rhythm." Solesmes prefers this definition, and bases upon it all

her argumentation.

A free musical rhythm may be considered

under two aspects:

1. Insofar as the "bars" or the rhythmical feet" which compose it follow one another in a well balanced, but not mechanical order.

2. Insofar as the melody, though united to the text, preserves its own rhythm which is independent of the beat or pulsation and of the text accents.

There are two reasons why Gregorian Chant is free and unhampered in its musical

rhythm: —

1. In this chant binary and ternary movements do not succeed each other in a mechanical order. They are harmoniously blended and produce the effect of a pleasantly balanced musical prose.

It is unnecessary to show that rhythm proceeds from binary and ternary group-movements (bars, as it were), because it

belongs to its nature to do so.

Some models of rhythm are furnished us through certain natural movements, for instance, it is natural to man that his locomotion, his gait, is binary while walking; the beating of the heart, the throbbing of the temples and the pulse are binary; the motions of breathing, binary in the state of wake become ternary during sleep.

Furthermore, through the regular gait of the horse, we know that from his manner of proceeding that his step is binary, while his trot is of four beats (quadruple) and yet, his gallop is that of three beats (ternary).

Such are some of the points of departure which nature offers us as models of rhythm.

There could be, of course, other natural comparisons. All the foregoing are ana-

logies and similis: in short, but comparisons which have been used for many centuries. In order that the sophists, the casuits and the side-steppers might have peace I must aver that it is known that the rhythm of breathing, normal vesicular breathing, has an expiration shorter than its inspiration. Also that artificial respiration, which conforms to unconscious breathing, is not binary or ternary, but sesquialter 3-2 or 3|2. It is known also that the heart action is a rhythm of intensity—"intensio et remissio." Only the intensio has tangible existence however,—the remissio is simply the lack of intensio, then, -binary is not entirely correct? Furthermore, the intensio is a good deal shorter than the remissio. The heart beats do not divide gradually from weak to strong or strong to weak, but there is a sharp rise of intensity for the beat, and a subsequent quick decline.

Again, the walking of man, the trotting of horses, etc., are but comparisons though these comparisons, natural comparisons, are obviously not complete examples for the natural rhythm of Gregorian Chant. One must not persist in remaining so primitive? May all these examples, comparisons and analogies not remind one of the African percussions, the pulsations seem to be monotonously alike, but that is not the model for the rhythm of the Chant. Even less, the mathematical oscillations, invariously isochronal, of the pendulum, of the metronome or

the tic-tac of a mill.

That rhythm proceeds from binary and ternary group-movements and that it lies in its nature to do so, musicians of all ages have never regarded musical rhythm differently, and the theorists of the Middle Ages echoed their predecessors' view of rhythm when they reduced rhythmical forms to the following combinations:—

| aequa:                | 1-1<br>2-2<br>3-3<br>4-4                               |
|-----------------------|--|
| dupla:                | $ \begin{cases} 1-2 \\ 2-4 \\ 3-6 \\ 4-8 \end{cases} $ |
| tripla:               | \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \                  |
| sequialtera:          | \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \                  |
| <b>se</b> squitertia: | 3-4<br>6-8   |

The binary and ternary movements of rhythm are indicated by a dot or mark on a note upon which both rest or touch. This dot or mark, is the point of consumation for the one movement and at the same time the point of departure for the other.

The italic mark commonly called the "ictus," serves as the rhythm's time carrier. No better term than "rhythmic touch-point" is able to designate it. This "rhythmic touch-point" is all important, in fact, so important, that it can never and under no pretext whatsoever yield to the rhythm of the words.

2. The relative independence of music, in comparison with the text that it accompanies, has been recognized and admitted from the remotest antiquity by grammarians, by rhetoricians, as well as by musicians. "Musica non subjacet regulis" (Donati).

That the rhythm of melodies depends upon the ictus is understood; the rhythm of the text, however, depends upon the accents. In what, then, does their reciprocal independence consist? In this, that the rhythmic stress and the tonic accent do not necessarily coincide. At one time they meet; at another, they are separated, and one immediately follows the other.

Of the two examples given below, the first consists of simple notes; the second, of a group of notes of which the rhythmical stresses and the tonic accents are plainly separated and follow each other immediately. The stress is not necessarily a strong beat, except of course, in some textbooks.

accent not free, it would either coincide with the rhythmic touch or it would never coincide with it.

When the word accent is directly followed by the ictus or strong beat—first pulsation of the group—it is said to be ascending." Remember that strong beat does not mean more than emphasis. would be a serious mistake to give to that emphasis the strength of the first beat in a bar of modern music or taken in the sense of the modern word-accent. The stress, the emphasis has the sense of prominence of some kind given to a pulsation. Such being the case, the accent preserves, at all times, its assertive influence; nevertheless, it seems forcible than it would be were it descending. The rhythmical stress that succeeds the accent is soft however, because it comes in contact with a weak syllable.

This manner of rendering the text rhythmical by means of music is natural.

Indeed, by its very nature, the Latin accent, which is not to be confused nor identified with the heavy accent of the Romance tongues, gives better results when ascending than when descending.

Furthermore, the rhythmic stress coincides with the last syllable of the word
and the musical rhythm as well as the
rhythm of the word, all and at the same
time. To use another term, the word is
rhythmical, i.e.:—it reunites the arsis and
the thesis which are the two elements of
rhythmical movements. From this it is evident that far from being despotic towards





What can we conclude from these two examples? (a).—That the melodic ictus and the text accent are two entirely different things. (b).—That the freedom of the Latin accent is unquestionable, for, were the

the text, the supremacy which Gregorian melody enjoys over the text is rather advantageous to the text.

The various combinations of binary and ternary rhythmical feet give rise to two kinds of rhythms:—"Simple or Elementary

Rhythm," and "Compound Rhythm."

(A).—Simple rhythm embraces a single arsis and a single thesis. Both may have simple time or compound time (1-1), if they have but one note, a syllable (2-2) or (3-3), if they have two or three notes for each syllable.

(B.)—Compound rhythm is the union of several simple rhythms. The two examples given before illustrate a simple and a com-

pound rhythm.

Each word taken separately is a single rhythm and has its own arsis and thesis.

When linked together by the rhythmic movement, which admits of no intervening pause, the words form a compound rhythm that comprises three simple rhythms.

In the first example the rhythms have simple time, in the second only the thesis has

compound time.

Compound rhythm, thus leads on to phrase-rhythm and grand-rhythm of which Dom Mocquereau was so fond of explain-The grand-rhythm is the real rhythm, the one towards which all the small inner rhythms, rhythmic motives, that depend upon it for existence, converge. In fact, if the grand-rhythm is formed from an aggregate of small rhythms, taken by synthetic action, there it combines these into an organized and harmonious whole. And when the dynamic shading begins to strengthen the just mentioned synthetic action, when crescendoes and diminuendoes judiciously accompany the grand-rhythm's ascending and descending movement, this rhythm's antecedent and subsequent members, the union of the small rhythms and their fusion into the "grand" are perfect.

On the following page is an example of a phrase-rhythm with all its subdivisions.

These small vertical or horizontal lines indicate the notes which receive the stress of the voice: a simple stress where the line is vertical, a slightly lengthened stress or allargando where the line is horizontal.

Whether simple or lengthened, the touches mark the smallest rhythmic divisions, that is to say, the binary and ternary groups. The binary and ternary groups form the fragments of the rhythm: — the incisa, important incisions; these, in turn, the rhythmic phrases; and the latter, the whole rhythm or "rhythmic period."

Four accents ascend: namely the three of the first rhythmic fragment, and the one of

the first Alleluia.

Each of the three incised rhythms have

eight beats. The last incised rhythm, beginning with "B," its true initial note, has twelve beats. "G," the tie between two incised rhythms ought rather to be attributed to the preceeding note. In this manner, an equality with the first note is established.

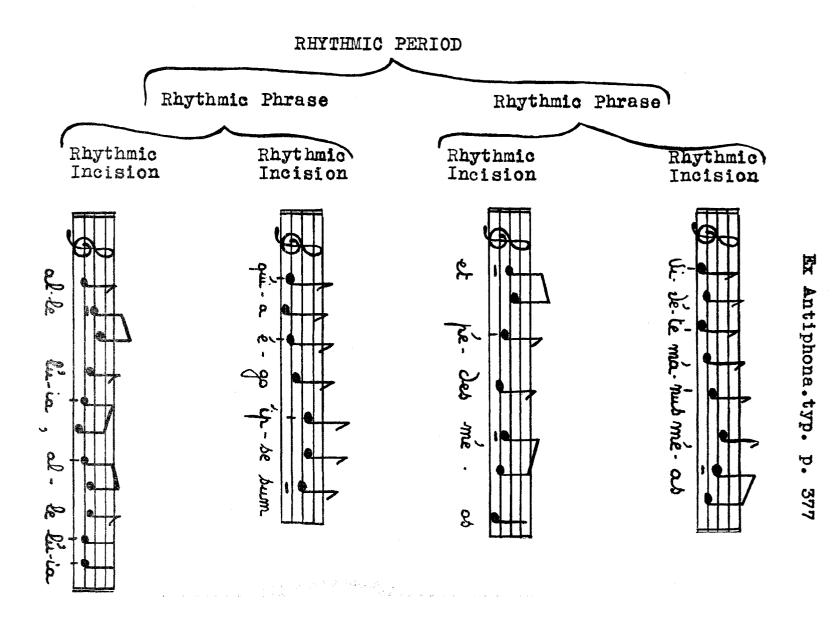
By its harmonious proportions this delightful anthem recalls the chants of which Guido of Arezzo has said: "Metricos autem cantus dico, quia saepe ita canimus, ut quasi versus pedibus scandere videamur.' (Dom Gerbert, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Blase in the Black Forest, in his Script. Eccles. Tome II, p. 16). Guido's words are taken from the fifteenth chapter of his "Micrologus de disciplina artis musicae." In English:— "The other chants I call metrical because, when singing them, we seem to scan verses, as is done in actual metric texts." Aribo (‡1032) the "suavis psalmigraphus," who explains Guido's works, writes: "As we find in well composed melodies, which we call metrical, such as: Non vos relinquam orphanos, alleluia; vado et veniam ad vos, alleluia, and, gaudebit cor vestra, alleluia. In other words, well composed prose, in virtue of a well balanced melody, is almost as regular as measured (metrical) poetry.

Guy Arétin (995-1050) had a very eventful life. Though he is chiefly known as a Benedictine and a musician, he was also a great diplomat. Guy was born near Paris and educated by the Benedictines of St. Maur-des Fossés, near Paris. He became a Benedictine monk in the monastery where he had been educated but he lived also in other Benedictine abbeys such as Pomposa, near Ferrara, Italy, then to Arezzo Abbey (from 1033-36); encouraged by Pope John XIX (1024-1033), he died at the Camaldolese Abbey of Arezzo, near Avellano and was the Prior at the time of his death.

The anthem or antiphon which I have cited as an example, likewise, permits us to believe that Gavaert (1828-1908) was mistaken, when he wrote on the very subject of anthems that: "Rhythm does not exist save in its rudimentary form" (La Mélopée antique, p. 152). Otherwise he exhibits splendidly the value and significance of anthems.

In conclusion to this second part of our study, it can be said that Gregorian Chant is not at all in a rudimentary state. On the contrary, through its own inborn artistic perfection, whose object is the praise of God, the Supreme Artist and whose author, the Catholic Church, is the mother and inspirer, the Sacred Roman Chant is dignified,

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prayerful and elevating and its rhythm is not in a rudimentary form!

### III.—Conclusion

"In the beginning was rhythm" (Hans

von Bülow, 1930-94).

'This is true, since rhythm is eternal, and we can see its image," writes Dom Benedict de Malherbe, O.S.B., "everywhere in the world: -in nature, all is rhythm; measure is the work of man. To rhythm must be assigned its true and real spiritual and profound and deep character, its divine beauty, I say divine, because rhythm is divine, while measure is but human." (Dom de Malherbe La Musique Retrouvée, La Musique Rythmique, Beauchesne, Paris, 1934, pp. 29-30).

"Rhythm has been given us," remarks Plato, "to compensate for what is lacking in us of measure and grace." (Timée, 647). "In the expression of human sentiments and feeling." feelings," says Lacuzon, in his Preface to Eternité, "particularly in lyric expression, rhythm exists as the immaterial recording graphic of the inner emotions which elevates

them and lend them dignity."

"Rhythm of the intellect disposes of words chosen with an aim, and in the broadest and widest sense, and not only the simple metrical and prosodical sense of the word, gives the intended theme, the conceived poem or poetry. Rhythm of sensibility, of the emotions, organizes sound, and so, creates Music. Rhythm of physical life regulates the attitudes of the body, and thence comes the dance. Plato tells us that "the movement of melody expresses the emotions of the soul." (Laws, VII, 712).

It is admitted that there exists, in fact and in effect, two species of rhythm: -measured rhythm and non-measured or free-rhythm. True rhythm, in other words, natural or choregraphic rhythm is rhythm properly

so-called.

"In a melodic line in which the musical rhythm is clearly perceptible, as remarks Aristides Quintillianus, two aspects may be recognized:-the one of sound, the other of movement. Sound materializes in giving body to this line rendering it obviously sensible, and it is then only that this immaterial graphic,' otherwise music, and rhythmical music is realized. Measure is the arbitrary and proportional distribution (sometimes absolute distribution of sonorous duration. Whilst rhythm is the distribution of sound and silence, according to the exigencies of the spatial movement of melody. Let

us compare the definitions of Plato and Aristoxenus. Plato defines rhythm:—"rhythm is the art of well-ordered movement" (Leges II, 665, A). In other places Plato has just this: - "Rhythm is ordered movement" or again "rhythm is ordering of movement." Aristoxenus calls rhythm:—"the order in length of values" (duration, periods). This last is the definition of measure, and not of rhythm. Measure evolves from Arithmetic, and is the "Musical Number." Rhythm is born of the living cinetic: it is ordered in melodic movement (Dom de Malherbe, id. p. 35).

Since the word RHYTHM gives quite a stretch to thought I shall append here some of the definitions by the Master Musi-

"Rhythm is the symmetrical and harmonious division of pulsation or beats by means of sounds (Hector Berloiz-1803-69).

"Rhythm is the methodical division of pulsations or beats produced by a musical ex-

ecution" (Combarieu).

Rhythm is a succession of values, of periods of duration, both equal and unequal" (From the late Jean Huré).

"Rhythm is the proportion which exists between the parts of a same whole" (Augustine Savard, 1814-81).

"In music, rhythm is the organization of duration" (Maurice Emmanuel).

"Rhythm is the order in time, or measure" (Lévêque).

'Rhythm is the order and proportion of duration" (Vincent d'Indy, 1851-1931).

'Rhythm is the more or less regular recurrence of cadence" (Dr. Prout, 1835-

1909).

In music, rhythm is the difference of movement which results from the rapidity or the slowness, from the brevity or the length of pulsations: it is called today, measure" (J. J. Rousseau (1712-78) in his Dict. Word: Rhythm).

And Dom de Malherbe writes that all these definitions refer to rhythm, "in the particular instance of Aristotle, who names it metre, and defines duration or measure and not rhythm, for he bases his definition on measure and not movement. No concordance exists between rhythm and measure, and the reports presented at the Congress of Rhythm held in Geneva in 1926. proved this in a most convincing and characteristic manner. In this respect, rhythm is always considered from the standpoint of duration, of metre, which is that of measure.

From this point of view, result the vain efforts of Mr. Mathys Lussy (1828-1910). Mr. Maurice Emmanuel explains this on page 19 of his **RYTHME:**—"the plain conception of rhythm known to the moderns, which they are unable to distinguish from measure—for the reason that they lay a strong beat, always initial, in no way corresponding to the ideal of the ancients."

Most certainly," writes Dom de Malherbe, "the natural and divine rhythm, that rhythm which finds echo in all nature, and especially, in the heart of man, must be understood and expressed. Let us walk in the country, and we will discover, everywhere around us, a supple, living, varied rhythm, inexhaustible in its diverse forms of expression. There are not two waves alike, no two lines in the sky, nor two blades of grass exactly identical; no two leaves, no two grains of sand, nor no two points of the horizon can be found to be the same. In all what countless variety! But in approaching men, measure becomes not only apparent but evident: - measure found in the noise of the mill, the spasmodic movement of a machine, the regular uproar of trades, the strength and breadth of an edifice.

"Indeed, it would be necessary to return to this sense of rhythm found in nature:—as to singing, to imitate the rhythm of the bird on wing, is the example set before every choir,—to sing in rhythm comparable to that flight of a bird or the receding billows of the sea, as the undulating movement of a field of wheat, as a tree bends under the swaying movement of the wind, as a torrent, a river tosses its waters . . ." (id. pp. 31-31).

The same examples are proposed to every choir as regards to the retard at the finals, as does the bird its flight before reaching its "On reaching the summit of a melodic ascension, the note should be prolonged, in order to allow the effort to decrease and die away, and this, in proportion to the length of the ascension, and thus to the strength of the bound (élan). Always like the flight of the bird, which after soaring upwards toward the sky, stops an instant before making its downward flight. This is comparison only, and not reason,and on this point it is necessary to insist. If we have recourse to this figure by preference, the reason lies in the fact that the regulator of musical rhythm is to be found in the dance. Now the dance is likened to the effort, as flight, or 'soaring' of the bird."

In the idea of Dom de Malherbe, dancing is always the Eurythmy of the soul, and not the extravagant fantastic formulae given under pretence to those dances which are nothing more than the manoeuvres of the acrobat, or exercises in callisthenics, gymnastics, or the least of all the pantomine.

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#### Seniores Populi

Rev. F. T. Walter

The composer is well known to readers of THE CAECILIA, as the Professor of Music at St. Francis Seminary. His "Laudate Dominum" published for the first time in these columns last year, is one of the most popular new men's voice numbers in print. This new piece presented this month, may be used during Lent, and most properly in Holy Week of course.

#### From The Depths. In Monte Oliveti

by Sister M. Cherubim, O.S.F.

Women's choirs in the past have had difficulty securing appropriate liturgical music for the major feasts. These compositions illustrate the type of practical modern music which is coming into vogue for such choirs. The Lenten hymn especially makes a fine sequel to the hymn "See The Sun His Light Withdrawing" in the January CAECILIA. The "In Monte Oliveti" is the first of a group, for Palm Sunday and Lent, containing "Crux Ave" and "Crux Fidelis" in addition to the "In Monte Oliveti."

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This composer known also for his literary talents, has here demonstrated that in music he has a facility for writing also. The Passion, according to St. Matthew, is one of the best known texts in the liturgy. Set simply, for men's voices, this edition will find welcoofe at Seminaries where Holy Week Music, and Lenten services make heavy demands on voices and time. The harmony is simple, yet effective in preventing monotony in the frequent short phrases, and those tired of doing the Vittoria setting (which is about the only setting in common use now, have here a few pages of interest. There are six pages of music to the entire work, but we show here, only four pages as illustrative of the style of this practical liturgical music.

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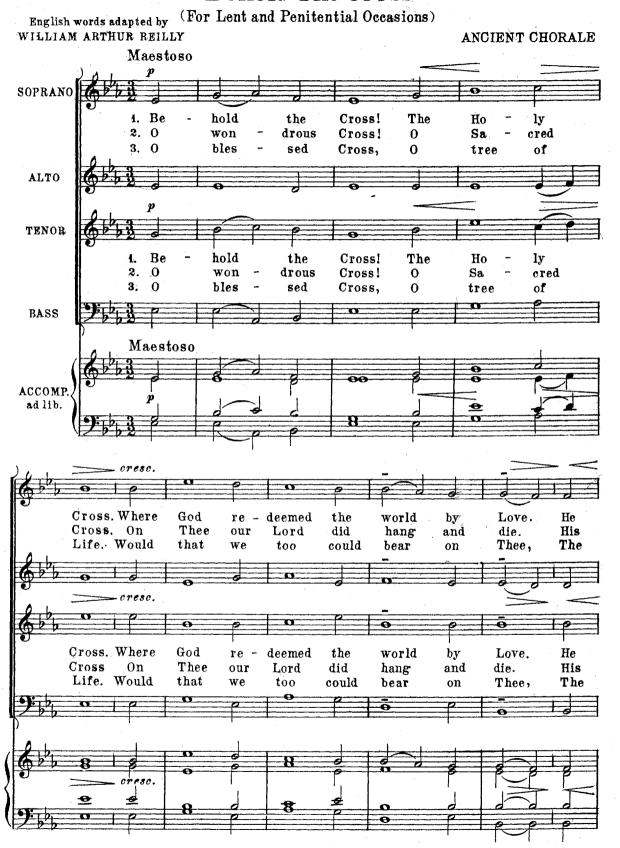
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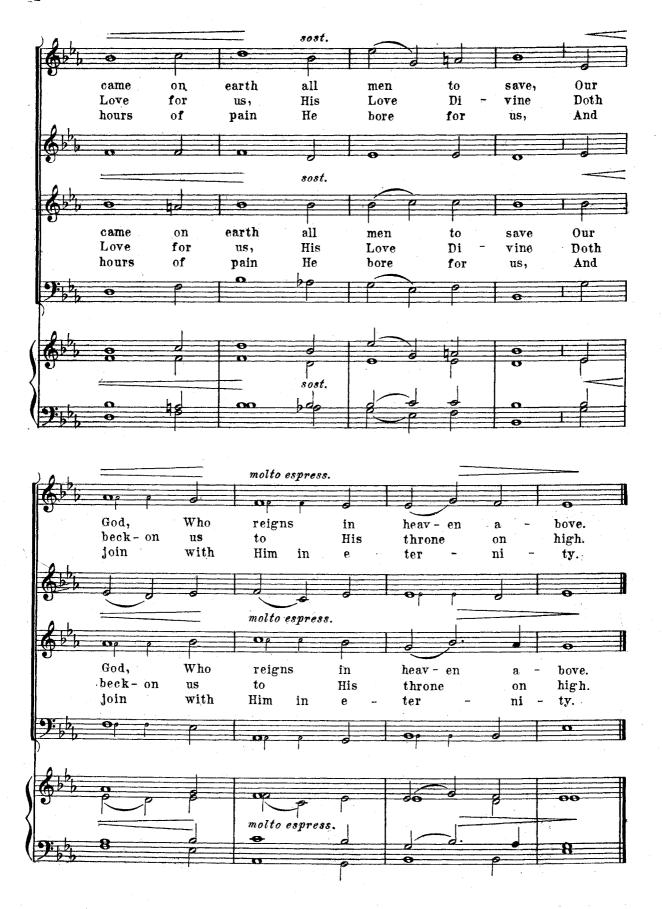


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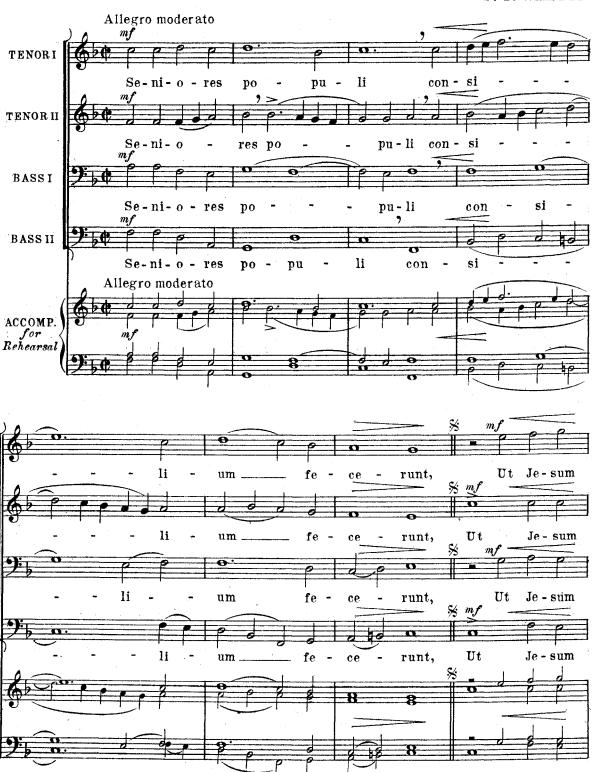




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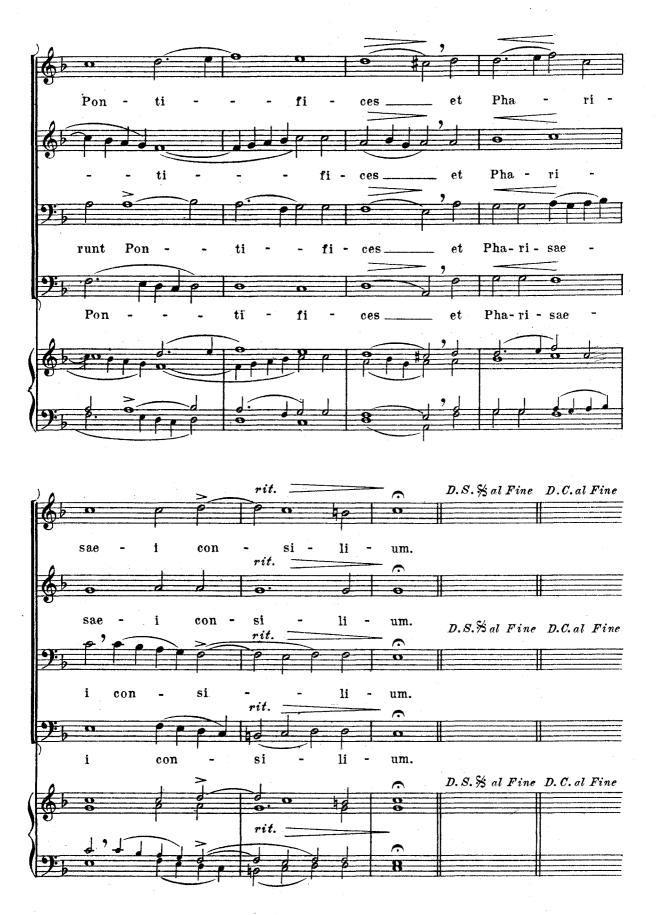
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Questions submitted in December, 1935:

Please answer in the Caecilia (1) What is the Cantata? Is it a church festival practised mostly by the Lutheran sect? The Child Jesus Cantata was presented recently in our Catholic High School, and I thought it was out of place. Am I correct about this?

- (2) Who should chant the Litany of the Saints during Forty Hours' Devotion? May this Litany be omitted for good reasons?
- A. (1) A Cantata originally denoted a "vocal piece," just as a Sonata meant an "instrumental piece." In the course of time Cantata came to mean an important vocal work, of religious or secular character, consisting of solos, duets, etc., and choruses with instrumental accompaniment. The highest type of Church Cantatas was created by J. S. Bach. The Protestant chorales form the real core of these cantatas. The grand secular Cantatas extend to a wide range, such as marriage festivities, acts of homage and the like.—With regard to specific Catholic Cantatas we have before us: "St. Peter: Cantata," "St. Christophorus: Cantata," printed in Fulda, Germany, 1903. These cantatas are "miniature" Oratorios; their relation is about the same as we find between Sonatina and Sonata.—In our estimation there is nothing objectionable in presenting the "Child Jesus Cantata."

(2) According to the liturgical regulations the Litany of the Saints is to be sung by the "clerical chanters," in our country (probably) by the visiting Clergy. If no chanters are available, the Litany is recited by the Celebrant; it may neither be omitted nor replaced by the Blessed Virgin Litany (S.R.C. 4015, ad 5).

Where, according to the good judgment of the Ordinary, Forty Hours' Devotion cannot be held in accordance with the CLEMENTINE INSTRUCTION, a simplified rite may be followed, as by Decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, Jan. 22, 1914.

"In the fine article of Sister Agnesine (Caecilia, November issue, page 497), I find the phrase "good will to men," instead of "to men of good will," as the literal translation of "pax hominibus bonae voluntatis." I felt rather puzzled to see it from the pen of a Nun, and in a Catholic Magazine! Is there any reason to justify the acceptance of such a translation?"

A.—St. Luke wrote his Gospel in the Greek language. The passage in question (Chapter 2, verse 14), in literal translation runs thus: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, (God's) good will toward men." The Greek Church to the present day adheres to this version; the Western Church, in its Latin translation, has given to the last part of the message a slightly different turn: "Peace to men of good will," and this version has found its way into the

Catholic Bible as well as into the Liturgy of Holy Church.

The Greek original breathes Oriental solemnity; the three exclamatory phrases remind us of the Psalms and Prophetic texts of Holy Bible. The Latin translation, on the other hand, reveals the workings of the Western mentality, which co-ordinates independent statements into one compact whole. When rightly understood, there is no dogmatic difference between the two versions: in either case "God"s good will" must be accepted by men.

"Please tell me in the 'Caecilia' just what is meant by MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS and by MASS OF THE FAITHFUL?"

A.—The Mass of the Catechumens is that part of the Mass, from the beginning until the offertory, at which, in primitive times, catechumens, public poenitents, and energumens were allowed to be present, being excluded from the sacrifice proper. The Mass of the Catechumens is chiefly a prayer service and a school in which we learn how to know God and worship Him. The revelations in the Biblical readings (Epistle and Gospel) dispose us to be responsive to the word of God; the chants between the readings (Gradual, Alleluia, Tract, Sequence) and the Credo voice the sentiments of our hearts.

The Mass of the Faithful consists of the Offertory, Consecration and Communion; to this, in primitive times, only the baptized Faithful were admitted. In the first five centuries these sacred rites and doctrines of the Church were entirely concealed from unbelievers, lest blasphemy, profanation or persecution should ensue.

At Pontifical High Mass the difference between these two parts of the Mass is clearly emphasized, since the Mass of the Catechumens takes place at the throne, while the Mass of the Faithful takes place at the altar. "What is meant by an Oratorio?"

A.—By an Oratorio is meant a Biblical, heroic or ancient subject, laid out on a grand scale, performed by soloists, chorus and orchestra or organ, in a semi-dramatic way, but without action, scenery or costume. It developed out of the popular evening services held by St. Philip Neri (1515-1595) in his oratory at Rome.—The most famous Oratorios have been composed by Handel, Haydn, Mendelssohn and Liszt.

"Is it proper for the organist to play the organ while Communion is being distributed at Low Mass during which English hymns are sung?"

A.—It certainly is permissible to play the organ. There are however certain conditions which must be considered. In our estimation it is "not proper" to play the organ if there is only a poor instrument available, or if the organist lacks the ability to play with good judgment. The playing must be reverent, soft, and artistic, otherwise it will not elevate the hearts of the faithful.—Since the Pastor is the official custodian in matters liturgical, it lies mainly with him to permit or forbid the use of the organ.

"Is it proper to use the catafalque at Requiem High Masses celebrated by one Priest?"

A.—The absence of Sacred Ministers (Deacon and Subdeacon) does not make it improper to use the catafalque, provided that three or four servers are at hand to assist the Celebrant.

With regard to the Absolution when the corpse is absent the following points must be remembered: (1) it is not of obligation; (2) it is permitted, however, when a Requiem Mass is permitted; (3) where the custom of giving the Absolution on anniversaries or the month's-mind exists, it cannot be omitted. (See Ecclesiastical Review, vol. 23, pages 184 and 187).

"Christmas, without orchestral music, appears to me dull and dreary; I just

love to hear violins and flutes, clarinets and cornets. Is not the Church the loser by eliminating instrumental music?"

A.—In order to answer this query we quote from Stehle: "Chorphotographien" ("Choir-Photos"). "The human voice, created by Almighty God, is so far above musical instruments made by man, as man, the lord of creation, is raised above a piece of wood or brass. There remains attached to the tone of an instrument something material, a taste of its origin; the human voice, on the other hand, is spiritualized and endowed with the inestimable advantage that the spoken word may adorn itself with the beauty of vocal timbre and be thus empowered to express in tonal coloring the most powerful and far-reaching feelings of the soul.

For this reason instrumental music has been banished from the Domes of Ratisbon, Cologne, Eichstatt, Munster, Speyer, Treves and others, even though plenty of excellent instrumentalists were available." (Stehle).

"The influence upon the human heart exercised by musical instruments is not nearly as ennobling and sanctifying as that of purely vocal music. Vocal music affects the heart, instrumental music delights the ear; the latter cannot easily find the way to the heart. It seems as though the character of prayer, so essential in church music, become weakened through the splendor of instrumental display; the liturgical purpose sinks into the background in proportion as the musical side becomes prominent." (A. Walter).

"Holy Church at no time desired instrumental music, she only tolerated it, always under condition that it be subordinated to the text.—History and experience prove to evidence that there is a constant danger of worldliness and hopeless decline. The pure a-capella-style has always been the ideal of true church music." (Schmid.)

"Our Cathedral at one time could boast of a fine Male choir of men and boys whose repertoire consisted of strictly liturgical Masses; the whole Proper was also sung.—This fine choir was disbanded and a group of ill-trained boys, assisted by a few Seminarians took its place; there has been exclusive chant ever since.—One would imagine that a Cathedral choir ought to lead all others in regard to its music by exemplifying in its programs the various types of music permitted by the Motu Proprio."

A.—Confining ourselves strictly to the case as presented by our correspondent, without inquiring into any other possible causes that brought about the disbanding of a good choir, we venture to say: (1) The change as described was too radical. No doubt the Pastor's intentions were good, but evidently the members of the Cathedral Parish could not "swing" the ideal views of their chant-loving Shepherd: they resented the elimination of polyphone music. (2) The change was against the spirit of the Motu Proprio. Two Popes, Pius X and Pius XI, have repeatedly encouraged the cultivation of the sacred polyphony in the greater Basilicas where singers are not wanting. (3) Even though Pius X was a great lover of the Gregorian melodies, he never thought of disbanding the Sistine Choir. Every Cathedral is a small replica of St. Peter's in Rome. (Of course we refer to well established Cathedrals in representative cities.) A certain amount of just pride naturally attaches to the Cathedral Parish, especially when they assist at Pontifical Functions on the great feasts of the ecclesiastical year. But when these same parishioners, year in year out are treated to the same chant melodies, they (not unjustly) begin to say: "It seems our good Pastor takes us all for monks and nuns, or for Brothers Minor, for whom the self same musical diet is good enough."

#### **BOSTON COLLEGE** MUSIC APPRECIATION COURSE

Under the direction of Rev. Leo J. Gilleran, S.J., a course in Music Appreciation commenced this year. Fine equipment in the form of Records, and literature, were made available, and the first term of the course was completed in December.

An example of the Mid-Year examination is given here to show the subject matter of the course to date, and as a revelation of the type of musical knowledge which may be demanded after such a short course.

Of special interest to readers of the CAECILIA, and admirers of Dom Gregory Hügle, O.S.B., are the first five questions. Four of which are from the new booklet "The Spotlight on Catholic Church Music."

#### MID-YEAR EXAM: MUSIC APPRECIATION

#### Part I

#### GREGORIAN CHANT (1a)

I. Liturgical Aspect: (20 points)\*1. Why does Gregorian Chant, more than any other form of music, fit so well into the liturgy

of the Church? What other reasons commend the sacred chant?

Emotional Aspect:

3. Evaluate whatever emotion there is in the chant and tell how reverence is shown there-

Structure:

Describe briefly its notes, staff, clefs.

Objection:

- Answer this objection: "GREGORIAN CHANT IS DULL, DREARY, yea, DEAD, IN COMPARISON WITH THE THRILL-ING MUSIC OF THE DAY." "GREGORIAN
- II. Cast into modern notation the assignment appended (0 Quam snavis and Eqo Sum Pastor, appended in Gregorian Notation.
- III. Using the DO clef with Do the top line, write in Ğregorian notation the following with the neums given: 3 2 3 5 56 (podatus) 6 56 (podatus) 6. 56 78 (podati) 876 (climacus) 76 clivis) 56 (podatus) 6. 5 6 82 (podatus) 828 (torculus) 8 828 875 (climacus) 65 (clivis) (20 points)

#### Part II

#### Choose 4 out of the following groups (10 points each)

IV. Of the Troubadour movement:

1. Give the period and approximate location with general characteristics.

2. What was a jongleur and give types of songs sung.

3. Name some of the functions at which they sang.

4. What bearing upon this movement had the Gregorian chant?

V. Of the Trouveres:

1. Give period and approximate location.

2. Contrast these as a social class with the Troubadours.

3. Which of the two subsequent movements did they influence the more and howso?

4. What was their connection with the monastic centres?

VI. Of the Minnesingers:

1. Give period and approximate location.

2. For what high purpose were they laudable?3. Tell briefly how Wagner in his "Tannhauser" portrays the spirit of this group of singers.

4. Who is considered the last of the Minnesingers and the first of the Meistersingers?

VII. Of the Meistersingers:

1) Give period and approximate location. What their origin and general characteristics.

3) Contrast these with any one of the foregoing groups.

4) Why is Wagner's "Meistersinger" styled musical satire?

VIII. Assign the following to their proper groups:

Adam de Halle; Hans Sachs; Walter von der

Vogelweide; Thibaut of Navarre.

What results in the evolution of music came from these movements?

\*These questions are taken from "The Spotlight on Catholic Church Music.'

#### AMERICAN CATHOLIC WHO'S WHO **ISSUE**

#### Prominent Catholic Church Musicians Listed in Latest Edition

In the new edition of the "American Catholic Who's Who" (Romig), the names of most of the prominent Catholic Church Musicians of the country have been included. This is the first general recognition that has come to church musicians, in a work of this kind.

Among the names noted are: Rev. Ludwig Bonvin, S.J. Dom Adelard Bouvilliers, O.S.B. Dom Gregory Hügle, O.S.B. Otto A. Singenberger. Martin G. Dumler. Melchiorre Mauro-Cottone. Joseph J. McGrath. Rev. Hubert Gruender, S.J. John A. O'Shea. William I. Marsh. Richard Keys Biggs. Rev. William J. Finn, C.S.P. Nicola A. Montani. Msgr. Leo P. Manzetti. Pietro A. Yon. Rene L. Becker. John J. Fehring. Rev. Carlo Rossini. Rev. Mother Stevens, R.C.J. Rev. George V. Predmore.

Sister M. Cherubim, O.S.F.

Sister M. Rafael, B.V.M.

Iames A. Reilly.

# COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Caecilia, Dear Sir:—

I read in a History of Music that "there was an evolution of the different kinds of chant and modes from plainchant to the Gregorian, which takes its name from Pope Gregory the Great."

In the December issue of the Caecilia I read a statement by Dom Adelard Bouvilliers, O.S.B., Mus. D., to the effect that "plainchant is Gregorian in its decline."

I fail utterly to see how plainchant could have been something like the embryonic precursor of the Chant of St. Gregory and, at the same time, a deteriorate form of it. I think the two assertions are essentially contradictory. I therefore asked Monsignor Leo P. Manzetti to give me his frank opinion on the matter. Here is what he writes: Both assertions are not new to me and neither one is correct. From the history of music we learn that the word "plainchant" never implied anything primitive or decadent. It never meant anything anterior in time to the Gregorian nor contemporaneous with or even posterior to its decline. Gregorian was called "musica plana," plainchant, almost simultaneously with the best form of its luxuriant and artistic structure in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. name was coined and used by the diaphonists of the time to distinguish its square notation from that of their new part-music. which they termed "musica ficta," figuredmusic, on account of the round shape of its notes of different values and also because of the introduction of accidentals. Here then the appellation "plainchant" was a mere technical term of distinction between the two notations and was in nowise connected with the evolution or decadence of the Gregorian. Reflexively, one term meant the monodic music of St. Gregory, the other the part-music of the "ars nova," regardless of their respective value as forms of musical art, even if the latter became one of the many causes of the decline of the former. There would be only one way in which to reconcile the two disparate opinions, that is, to surmise that the decline of the Chant is evidenced through its square or perhaps neumatic notations, but the supposition is so absurd that it is unbelievable.

"Later on, when contrapuntists selected a short melodic passage from the Gregorian as a theme for their polyphonic compositions, they coined another name for it "cantus firmus," a term similar to that of plainchant but viewed from a different angle. The

Italians still call the whole repertoire of old Gregorian melodies "canto fermo" which shows that even this new appellation had nothing to do with the progress or retrogression of their artistic form. In a way, of course, it is a misnomer: but we understand what they mean. The name "cantus firmus" simply signified at the time that, in the working out of simultaneous music, the Gregorian theme as such was to remain unaltered (firm) in the development of its polyphonic arrangement, while the added parts, written in imitation of the thematic melody, could and often had to be manipulated according to the requirements of the whole vocal composition. In the course of time all these terms were indiscriminately applied to the Chant of St. Gregory and remained indicative of its melodic form, but only from the viewpoint of its crystallized notation as well as its monodic and modal nature. At the present time Gregorian, plainchant, plainsong and canto fermo have but one and the same meaning, no matter from what angle the chant came to be considered in the past. One thing is sure, they never pointed to any evolution or decay of the traditional music of the Church.

'It is indeed dangerous to speculate on old musical terms and forms without first taking into consideration the meaning they acquired at the time of their invention. The following instances are just to the point. The word "polyphony," according to its etymology, would mean any form of music made up of "many sounds" including therefore its opposite "homophony." But the homophonic style had not yet come into existence as a form of musical art with an entity of its own, when polyphony was created, hence the latter could only mean several melodic voices sounding concomitantly. Exactly the same is the case with counterpoint. Its etymology would signify a succession of single notes versus notes, or mere homophony; but the term "point," literally translated from the chant note called "punctum," shows its pure Gregorian origin and, in spite of its name, it must be interpreted according to the meaning Gregorianists, discantors, diaphonists and polyphonists gave to the new musical form they were bringing forth through counterpoint, namely melody versus melody. It is indeed the meaning that scholars still give it today.

"Erudition is a fine thing but, used without proper interpretation and logic, often results in misleading information."

M. A. ADAMS.

# CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

# FRANCE (Paris)

ST. EUSTACHE

Joseph Bonnet, Organist

Sunday-9:45 A.M.

Kvrie XVII. Credo I Sanctus, Agnus Dei

Edition Vatican J. Erb

At 11 A.M.

Organ-Trois Versets sur l'Hymne de l'Avent Titelouze

The Liturgical Year (The Little Organ Book) Bach 1-Nun Komn der Heiden Heiland. -Gott durch deine Gute.

3-Herr Christ, der einige Gottes Sohn. 4—Lob sei dem Allmaechtigen Gott.

Fugue en ut mapeur Buxtehude

Christmas Eve-10:30 P.M.

Organ Recital --Noel en duo sur les Jeux d'Anches Suit du Premier Ton

d'Aquin Clerambault

At 11 P.M.

Alma Redemptoris Mater Palestrina The Story of the Nativity in Carols, Nicholas Saboly

Midnight Mass

Traditional French Carols. Les Anges dans nos campagnes. Il est ne le Divin Enfant.

En cette Nuit.

Old Carol of the Low Country.

Dans le jardin du Roi Jesus. At the Elevation.

Air de la Creation At the Communion.

Two Carols from the North Country.

O Nuit heureuse Nuit.

Noel Pastoral.

Organ-Noel sur les flutes

Cantate-Ils viennent de Saba, lest rols

d'Aquin

Haydn

Bach

d'Orient

Christmas Day-11 A.M.

Proper of the Mass Messe de Noel

Edition Vatican Albert Alain

Organ-

Offertoire sur des Noels Rhapsodie Catalane sur des Noels Guilmant Bonnet

At 5 P.M.

Psaumes et Faux-bourdons anciens et Moderns. O Sacrum Couvivium Deodat de Se Deodat de Severac de la Tombelle Benedicta es Tu

Tu es Petrus a 2 orgnes, sur le theme

gregorien Tantum ergo

Il est ne le Divin Enfant

Th. Dubois T. da Vittoria Noel Ancien

# MUSIC NOTED ON RECENT PROGRAMS IN GERMANY

**AACHEN** 

Domchor; T. B. Rehmann, Choirmaster

"O Doctor Optime Mass, op. 51

Wisemeyer Pfeiffer ALTDORF (Kr. Julich)

Messe in Es

Kraft, op. 64

**BADEN** 

Missa in G dur

Filke

**BAMBURG** 

Herz-Jesu Messe

Lemacher

HAMM

Pastorale Messe

Wagner-Cochem

COLOGNE

Missa Pax Christi

Lemacher

**STUTTGART** 

Messe "Unserer Liben Frau"

Kraft

TRIER

Missa Brevis, op. 17

Schroeder

# **ENGLAND**

#### Chants From Buckfast Abbey Broadcast.

On Christmas Eve, American radio listeners heard the Midnight Mass from Buckfast Abbey, England. Broadcast in the United States was arranged for by the NBC. The sermon took up most of the time allotted to the broadcast, but enough of the music was heard to be of value to those interested in the chant. Midnight Mass from the Solesmes Abbey, France, was also on the air.

## SCOTLAND

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH (Glasgow)

Mr. James Whittet, Chairmaster

Mr. Kevin Buckley, Organist Proper of Mass

Ordinary: Mass in C Motets: Adeste Fideles. Recessional: Halleluja Chorus

Gregorian Beethoven Handel

#### ST. PETERS CHURCH (Glasgow)

J. Gunning. Choirmaster H. O'Halloran, Organist

Proper of Mass:

Gregorian

Ordinary: From various Masses:

Benedictus & Agnus

Sanctus Dei, from "Blessed Sacrament Mass Roman Steiner

# MASSES SUNG AT CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN **BOSTON CHURCHES**

#### CATHEDRAL

Mr. Philip Ferraro, Organist Rev. Wm. Gorman, Director

Gregorian

(St. John's Seminary Choir)

#### ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH

V. Rev. Valerian Pianigiani, O.F.M. Mr. Joseph Trongone, Director

Mass in C (Men's Voices) Schweitzer

#### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Rev. C. J. Gisler, S.J., Pastor Mr. Ferdinand Lehnert, Director

Mass of St. Peter (Men's Voices) Singenberger

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH (Cambridge)

Rev. John M. Butler, Pastor Rev. E. J. Burke, Director Mr. Frank Stevens, Organist

Messe Solennelle Joseph Novon

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH (Cambridge)

Rev. Augustine P. Hickey, D.D., Pastor Mr. Joseph Ecker, Director Mr. Theodore Marier, Organist

Festival Mass Joseph Gruber

#### SACRED HEART CHURCH (Newton)

M. Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Pastor Miss Emma Ecker, Director

M. Brozig

#### HOLY NAME CHURCH (West Roxbury)

Rev. Edward Ryan, D.D., Pastor Francis J. Mahler, Choirmaster
George Rogers, Organist
Mass of St. Mary of the Lake Otto Si

Otto Singenberger

#### SACRED HEART CHURCH (East Boston)

Rev. Thomas Garrahan, Pastor Bertha Morrisroe, Organist

Missa Te Deum Laudamus

Perosi

Stehle

ST. MARY'S CHURCH (Hyde Park) Rev. George O'Conor, Pastor

Miss Ruth McMahon, Organist

Missa Salve Regina

ST. AGNES CHURCH (Reading) Rev. Joseph A. Brandley, Pastor Miss Mary Cummings, Organist

McGrath Missa Parochialis

#### ST. FRANCIS CHURCH (East Braintree)

Rev. Wm. H. Walsh, Pastor Rev. Wm. V. O'Neill, Director Mr. George Abel, Organist

Missa Dei Amoris

Dumler

#### MILWAUKEE

#### ST. IOHN'S CATHEDRAL

W. J. L. Meyer, Choirmaster

J. Singenberger Ecce Sacerdos Proper of Mass Gregorian Missa Latreutica Dumler Tollite Hostias St. Saens Panis Angelicus Franck

#### ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH Rev. Sr. M. Waldimiro, O.S.F., Organist and Choirmaster

Before Midnight Mass:

Silent Night Gruber Glory to God Stehle Angels From the Realms Koenen Gesu Bambino Yon Verbum Caro Griesbacher Adeste Fideles

Proper of Mass:

Introit and Communion Gregorian Graduals Molitor Gruender Offertories Missa Stella Maris Griesbacher

After Mass:

The Angels at The Crib

Eder

#### ST. LEO'S CHURCH

Max Wanner, Jr., Organist and Choirmaster

Proper of Mass Gregorian Ordinary: Missa, op. 141 P. Griebacher Motet: Adeste Fidelis Fr. Koenen Benediction: Adoro Te Devote E. Frey Tantum Ergo J. Mitterer Te Deum.

#### HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

Sr. M. Aloysia, O.S.F., Director Sr. M. Acquin, O.S.F., Organist

Proper of Mass Gregorian

Ordinary:

Mass of St. Gregory J. Singenberger Credo-Mass of St. Carol M. Filke

Motets:

Laetentur Coeli H. Gruender Adeste Fideles Novello Arr.

#### ST. SEBASTIAN'S CHURCH

Jos. Grundle, Organist and Choirmaster

Proper of Mass Gregorian Ordinary: Missa Brevissima Theo. Grau, O.F.M. Motets: H. Gruender, S. J. P. A. Yon Laetentur Coeli Jesu Redemptor

#### ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

Rev. John Bott, Pastor Sister M. Fortis, O.S.F., Organist

#### Before Midnight Mass

"There Shall Rise a Star" from the Cantata
"The Message of the Star" R. Huntington Woodman
Mixed Chorus with Organ
"Come, Ye Shepherds"—Christmas Fantasy

Max Birn, Op. 12 Organ Solo

Silent Night F. Gruber

Mixed Chorus with Organ and String Ensemble
The Angels at the Crib of the Christ Child
P. Victor Eder

Mixed Chorus a cappella Come Hither, Ye Children

Sister M. Cherubim, O.S.F. Mixed Chorus with organ

Christmas Pastorale Max Springer

Organ Solo

#### Midnight Mass-Solemn High Mass

#### Mixed Choir

Proper of the Mass Gradual "Tecum Principium" Gregorian Fr. Witt Insert at Offertory-"Exulta Filia Sion" Sister M. Cherubim, O.S.F.

Ordinary of the Mass—"Mass in Honor of St. Gregory J. Si J. Singenberger

#### After Midnight Mass

Adeste Fideles Traditional Mixed Chorus with Organ and String Ensemble

#### 7:30 A.M.-Low Mass

Young Ladies' Choir (Hymns from "The Caecilia")

F. Koenen F. Koenen Angels from the Realms of Glory O Sing a Joyous Carol Jesus, Teach Me How to Pray J. Singenberger See Amid the Winter's Snow Traumihler Adeste Fideles Traditional

Two-part Chorus with Organ

#### 9:00 A.M.-Low Mass

Children's Choir

(Christmas Hymns from "Ave Marta Hymnal," Rev. J. J. Pierron)

#### 10:15-Solemn High Mass

Mixed Choir

Proper of the Mass Gregorian Ordinary of the Mass—"Mass in Honor of St. Gregory" J. Singe J. Singenberger Insert at Offertory—"Adeste Fideles" Traditional

#### After Mass

Glory to God in the Highest J. G. E. Stehle Mixed Chorus with Organ and String Ensemble (String Ensembles arranged by Sister M. Cherubim, O.S.F.)

#### ST. NAZIANZ, WISCONSIN

#### SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

Sister M. Seraphine, O.S.F. Organist & Directress Midnight Services:

Gruber

Short Adoration at the Crib followed by: Silent Night Hodie Christus Natus Est Korman

Hodie in Terra canunt angeli,

accompanied by violin and flute Proper of the Mass—"Dominus dixit ad me"

Mass in honor of the Holy Family, Rev. F. T. Walter Offertory—"Laetentur Coeli" Witt After Mass—"Glory to God in the Highest" Eberle At the 8:00 Mass:

Mixed Voiced Hymns by Koenen, Greith, Gruber and Traumihler, O.S.B.

#### At the 10:00 High Mass:

Proper of the Mass-Puer natus esr Ed. Tozer Mass in honor of the Holy Family, Rev. F. T. Walter Offertory—Tui Sunt Coeli, S.A.B. J. Singenberger At Benediction:

J. Singenberger Witt O Salutaris Tantum Ergo After High Mass-Adeste Fidelis Koenen

#### RACINE. WISCONSIN

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH Christmas Eve

#### Senior Choir 11:30 P. M., Sacred Concert

March of the Magi (Organ) Harker O Little Town of Bethlehem Redner Sing O Heavens West Christmas Pastorale (Organ) Harker A Child Is Born Molitor Stille Nacht Gruber Midnight Mass: Proper of the Mass Tozer Ordinary of the Mass:

Mass in honor of St. Francis Xavter R. Becker Supplementary Offertory: Adeste Fideles Novello

## 10:00 O'Clock High Mass:

Junior Mixed Choir

Proper of the Mass Tozer Ordinary of the Mass: Mass in honor of St. Francis Assisi Singenberger Supplementary Offertory:

# NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

# ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

#### Pietro Yon, Organist

11 A.M. Mass. Organ: "Christmas Rhapsody" Gigout Proper of Mass Gregorian Ordinary of Mass Organ "Finale" A. Bimboni M. E. Bossi

#### CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME

Albin D. McDermott, Organist

Proper of Mass Gregorian McDermott Ordinary Motet: Dies Sanctificatus Palestrina

#### CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

R. Mills Silby, Organist

Nicholas Saboly (1614) Carols: Proper of Mass Ordinary: "French Mass" Gregorian Shepnerd (1562)

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

#### METROPOLITAN QUARTET

The Barbizon Hotel, New York City Sunday Evening, December 22nd

Carols and Choruses: Silent Night Gruber Le Sommeil de l'enfant Gevaert Fa La Nana Bambin Geni Sadero Come Unto Me Tschaikowski-O'Hare Omipotence Schubert Alleluja (Messiah) Cradle Song Handel Gretchaninoff Ninna Nanna Mauro-Cottone Organ:

Christmas Evening Mauro-Cottone Variations on a Carol Mauro-Cottone Il Trovatore:

Condensed version of famous opera, presented with organ accompaniment (Verdi)

#### SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

#### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Leo A. Fisselbrand, Organist

Organ Prelude Yon Tozer Proper of Mass

Ordinary of Mass: Missa Parochialis Organ Postlude McGrath R. K. Biggs

> OUR LADY OF POMPEI CHURCH Mattia A. Falcoe, Organist

Proper of Mass Tozer

Ordinary of Mass: "Missa Salve Regina" Stehle

> MOST HOLY ROSARY CHURCH James J. Walsh, Organist

Proper of Mass Ordinary of Mass: Missa Davidica

Motet: Tollite Hostias

Gregorian Perosi St. Saens

BUFFALO, **NEW** YORK

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

Rev. Albert J. Hoffmeyer, Pastor Miss Olive J. Hoffmeyer, Organist

Midnight Mass:

Carols: First Noel Willan Holy Night Adam While Shepherds Watched Cook Yon Gesu Bambino Silent Night Gruber Ordinary of Mass B. Hamma Benedictus Klein

#### **CHICAGO**

#### HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL

V. Rev. Msgr. J. P. Morrison, Rector Rev. Peter J. Cameron, Director Quigley Seminary

> Choir Rev. Edwin V. Hoover, Muc. Doc., Director Cathedral Choristers **Professor Albert Seiben,** Organist Cathedral Symphony Orchestra

Program:

Marche Pontificale Jubilee Mass Proper of Mass Recessional Carols.

St. Saens Gruber Gregorian

ST. JEROME'S CHURCH Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. J. Frawley, Pastor Genevieve McGreevey, Organist

Program (Midnight)

Gesu Bambino

Missa Solennelle Ferrata

Offertory: Nato Nobis (Ninna Nanna) Communion:

Mauro-Cottone Yon

Solemn Mass (Noon) St. Jerome's Boys' Choir Rev. John F. Brown, Director

Kyrie, Gloria, Credo Srs. of Mercy Sanctus Benedictus, Agnus Dei T. Francis Burke Benediction:

Jesu Dulcis Tantum Ergo Sr. M. Edith, B.V.M. Ravanello

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

Most Rev. Bernard Sheil, D.D.V.G. Auxiliary Bishop, Pastor

Boys' Choir 100 voices Mixed Choir 45 voices

**Carols:** When Christ Was Born Barnes Holy Night Gruber Birthday of a King Ninna Nanna Neidlinger Mauro-Cottone Gesu Bambino Yon Adeste Fideles Traditional Hark The Angels Sing O Come Little Children Traditional Traditional

#### EVANSTON. **ILLINOIS**

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Rev. Francis J. Magner, Pastor Gregory Konold, Organist and Choirmaster

Missa Pontificalis Joseph J. McGrath

Offertory: Nato Nobis (Ninna Nanna) After Mass:

M. Mauro-Cottone

Carol of the Russian Children

Gaul

#### MUNDELEIN

Rev. Chas. Meter, Organist Otto A. Singenberger, Director

Midnight Mass:

Processional: Silent Night

Gruber

#### Propers of Mass:

Intro itus Gradual

Communio Gregorian Chant Offertory: Laetentur Coeli Otto A. Singenberger Mass: Missa in honor S. Agatha During Second Mass: Branchina

Good Night Dear Jesus John Singenberger (Choral arrangement by Otto A. Singenberger) O Come All Ye Children Traditional

(Arranged by O.A.S.) Hodie Christus natus est-Double Male Chorus (antiphonal) Otto A. Singenberger Gesu Bambino Pietro Yon

### CLEVELAND, OHIO

#### ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Rev. Neil I. Gallagher, Pastor Mr. Louis Nadeau, Organist and Choirmaster

Proper of Mass Gregorian Ordinary of Mass: Missa Fray Junipero R. K. Biggs Motets:

Resonet in Laudibus Puer Nobis Nascitur Adeste Fidelis

#### OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

John Beljon, Organist. Sr. Mary Paul, Choirmaster

Organ: Noel, Une Vierge Pucelle Shepherds at the Crib Proper of Mass

Le Begue Hugle Gregorian

Third Mass

Montani

Credo III

Offertory Insert: Parvulus Filius

Let Christians your loy be Unbounded

Recessional:

Ordinary: Missa Brevis

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| Wh.      | Dance of The Winds Leo Delibes  | .10      | W            | Morning Grieg  | .15      |
|          |   | .20      | W            | Cherubim Song Tschaikowsky   | .15      |
| FL       | Shortnin Bread Wolfe.   |          | W            | Around The Gypsy Fire  | ĺ        |
| F.       | Just For Today Seaver   | .15      | 1            | Brahms-Ambrose   |          |
|          | GROUP 2   |          | JC           | Recessional Brahms-Ambrose  Recessional DeKoven On The Pond to Mandalay Speaks   | .15      |
| OD       | Winter Song Bullard   | .15      | ĺ            | On The Road to Mandalay Speaks   | .15      |
| OD       | When Good Fellows Get Together  | .12      | }            | GROUP 9  |          |
| OD       | To Thee O Country Eichberg The Lost Chord Sullivan Pop Goes The Weazel Scaeffer                               | .12      | Wh.          | Kentucky Babe Geibel Class Song Pflouck June Rhapsody M. Daniels Skies of June C. Harris Farewell Song McDonough Laughing Song Abt-Rusch Awake Tis Ruddy Morn Geo Vezzie |          |
| OD       | The Lost Chord Sullivan   | .15      | Wh.          | Class Song Pflouck   |          |
| Wit.     | Pop Goes The Weazel Scaeffer  | .15      | APS          | June Rhapsody M. Daniels   | .15      |
| CH       | Little Gray Home In The West  | .15      | APS          | Skies of June C. Harris  | .12      |
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| OD       | Last Rose of Summer  Deep River  Lester  Negro Spir.  Gounod.   | .10      | GS           |  | .15      |
| OD       | Ierusalem Gounod.   | .10      | APS          | Prayer Perfect Stenson-Wilson Just For Today Ambrose   |          |
| Wh.      | Land of Sky Blue Water Cadman   | .10      | OD           | Largo Handel   | .08      |
| 44.11.   | •   | *-0      | CH           | World Is Waiting for the Sunrise, Seitz  | .15      |
| i        | GROUP 4   |          | Wh.          | The Kerry Dance Molloy Sleepers Wake Bach Teach Me To Pray Jewitt-Ives   | .10      |
| OD       | Lullaby and Good Night Brahms   |          | w            | Sleepers Wake Bach   | .15      |
| OD       | Send Out Thy Light Gounod   | .10      | WHIT         | Teach Me To Pray Jewitt-Ives   | .15      |
| OD       | Soldiers Chorus Gounod  | .10      | <b>{</b> }   | GROUP 11   |          |
| w        | Send Out Thy Light Gounod Soldiers Chorus Gounod Cherubim Song Bortniansky Let Their Colorial Concerts Handel | .10      | OD           | All Through The Night Welsh Home On The Range Guion Hills of Home Fox  | .10      |
| w        | Let Their Celestial Concerts Handel   | .12      | GS           | Home On The Range Guion  | .15      |
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| OD       | GROUP 6 Goin Home Dvorak-Fisher   | 15       | W            | How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Brahms  |          |
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| OD       | To Thee O Country Eichberg  |          | W            | Hallelujah Chorus (Mount of Olives)  | 4.5      |
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| CH<br>CF | Bells of St. Marys Adams<br>Old Refrain Kreisler  | 15       | СН           | Where My Caravan Has Rested Lohr   | 15       |
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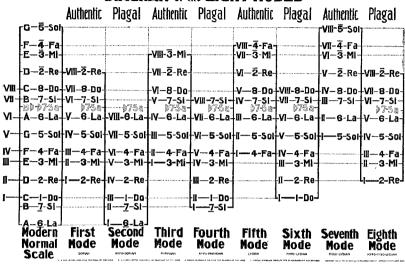
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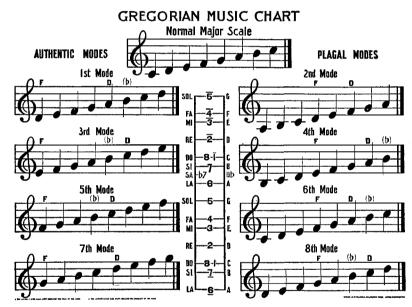
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