

Michael Wustrow

Michael Wustrow is Co-Director of Music at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, New York, and Director of the Diocesan Choir for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and Yale University. While at Yale he received a Master's Degree from the School of Music and a Diploma from the Institute of Sacred Music. He has done continuing education at Notre Dame University and Westminster Choir College. During his career in Roman Catholic Music Ministry he has developed skills as a choral conductor for children's choirs, and adult choirs, as well as an organist.

As an organ recitalist, Michael has performed numerous times at St. Agnes on the organs installed in 2001. He has also presented recitals at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, as well as St. Patrick's Cathedral and Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. This year he will add the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark to his list of performances.

Recent appearances leading choral workshops and choir festivals have included Omaha, Rochester, Milwaukee, Orlando, Pittsburgh, Albuquerque, Toledo, as well as Long Island and Connecticut. His reviews of children's choir anthems have been seen regularly in *Pastoral Music Magazine*, and numerous articles and choral resources have been published with both Choristers Guild and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM).

At St. Agnes Cathedral Michael serves as part of a team of two full-time music directors. He directs the 70 voice Children's Choir (grades 1&2), a 60 voice Junior Girls Choir (grades 3-5), a sixty voice Senior Girls Choir (grades 6-8) and also directs a program for High School Girls known as the "Choral Scholars". He serves as organist for the busy schedule of parish liturgies and diocesan events held at the Cathedral. In the fall of 2005 Michael was named as the director of the 150 voice Diocesan Choir of Rockville Centre, who sing for diocesan celebrations at the Cathedral and around the diocese.

In 2001 he completed a six year term on the National Board of Directors for Choristers Guild. He is currently serving on the National Board of Directors for the Director of Music Ministry Division of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, and is a member of the Music Committee for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. At NPM he also serves as the National Chairperson of the Standing Committee for Choir Directors and serves on the NPM Council. In 2007 he was named to the repertoire committee of Pueri Cantores, and international federation of Catholic Choirs.

During the 2008-2009 season, Mr. Wustrow will conduct choral festivals in Los Angeles, St. Louis, and Newark, and the Diocesan Choir of Rockville Centre will perform a major concert in honor of the year of St. Paul, which will focus on the *Te Deum*. The choir is also preparing to host a trip for singers in 2010 to Germany and Vienna as part of the Oberammergau Passion Play which takes place every ten years.