

Sacred Music Institute Conference – 2024 - Choir Descriptions

Beginners' Chant Schola

This choir will focus on the basics of Gregorian chant: notation, rhythm, and Latin pronunciation. Members of this schola will rehearse and perform simple chants of the Ordinary for Mass, as well as chant hymns and simple antiphons. This choir will be a good fit for beginners with little to no experience of singing Gregorian chant who want to learn the basics.

Intermediate Chant Schola

This choir will rehearse and perform the more complicated chants of the Gregorian repertoire, including chants of the Mass proper. The intermediate schola will focus on stylistic nuances of music and text. This choir will be a good fit for singers with some previous experience of singing Gregorian chant who want to sing more challenging repertoire.

Motet Choir

This choir will rehearse and perform several SATB pieces by the great composers of the sacred music treasury. While the pieces will be simple enough to learn in a few rehearsals, they will provide singers with a chance to sing music that is a bit more challenging than the choral music at a typical parish. This choir will be a good fit for singers who have experience reading music as well as some previous experience in choral singing.