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September 9, 2011

Dear Diocesan Choir Member,

In two days, we will be remembering the events of 9/11. We recently have experienced an earthquake, hurricane, and severe storms. God is sending a strong message! We all need to look within, and ask what that message is for us as individuals.

To me, it says loudly and clearly that God is in charge! We need to put God first in our lives, and practice our faith. Those of us who understand what a gift music is are very blessed. Saint Augustine knew what he was doing when he said: "those who sing pray twice."

Many of you are faithful members of your parish music ministry. That is indeed a gift you give to God, to your parish community, and to yourself. Your faithful service as a member of the Arlington Diocesan Choir is another gift you give. Thank you for your commitment and service to this important ministry.

Enclosed is the schedule of rehearsals and liturgies for the 2011-2012 season. As you can see, this is going to be a very busy October!

In addition to the annual Blue Mass and Marriage Jubilee Mass, we will be singing for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of The Shrine of The Immaculate Conception on Saturday, **October 8, 2011**. This year, we will have the Global Rosary as part of the pilgrimage, which will be televised on EWTN. Needless to say, we want to represent our Diocese on national television as best we can!

Please take a few minutes now to put all the enclosed dates on your calendar.

We are always looking for new members for our Diocesan choir. If you know someone who might be interested in joining, please have them contact Karen to schedule an interview, ideally before our first rehearsal.

I sincerely hope that you can join us for a season of wonderful liturgical and musical festivity. May God continue to bless you for all you do in His name!

Sincerely,

Richard. P. Gibala
Diocesan Director of Music

ARLINGTON DIOCESAN CHOIR SCHEDULE

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Monday	September 26	First Rehearsal	Cathedral	7:45 PM
Friday	October 1	Blue Mass Warmup	Cathedral Choir Loft	7:30 PM 6:30 PM
Thursday	October 6	Rehearsal	National Shrine	7:45 PM
Saturday	October 8	Pilgrimage Mass	National Shrine Visitor Center	Time TBA
Monday	October 17	Rehearsal	Cathedral	7:45 PM
Sunday	October 23	Marriage Jubilee Mass Warmup	Cathedral Choir Loft	2:30 PM 1:30 PM

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Saturday	January 14	Permanent Deacon Ordination	Cathedral	11:00 am
Monday	February 13	Rehearsal	Cathedral	7:45 PM
Saturday	February 25	Rite of Election Warmup	Cathedral Choir Loft	7:30 PM 6:30 PM
Monday	May 21	Rehearsal	Cathedral	7:45 PM
Saturday	May 26	Diocesan Confirmation Warmup	Cathedral Choir Loft	7:30 PM 6:45 PM
Saturday	June 2	Deacon Ordination Warmup	Cathedral Choir Loft	11:00 AM 10:00 AM