

SACRED MUSIC CONFERENCE

SUNG WORSHIP

The Work of Our Baptism

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BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

THE ROLE OF THE CANTOR IN SUNG WORSHIP — *Dr. Alexis Kutarna*

What is the role of the cantor in the contemporary liturgy of the Church? Should the cantor be responsible for any solo performance, or is his or her role simply to lead the congregation? In this session, participants will explore the role of the cantor across the Church's liturgical history and develop an understanding of what part the cantor rightly should play in the active participation of the faithful in the liturgy. Cantors and directors of parish music programs will find this session helpful.

THE ROLE OF THE CHOIR IN SUNG WORSHIP — *Mr. Andrew Motyka*

The role of the choir in Roman Catholic liturgy has developed and changed across the centuries. In this session, participants will consider the role of the choir in the Church's worship and discover how this role determines the repertoire, location, and liturgical attitude of the ensemble. Directors of music, choral conductors, and members of church choirs will find this session helpful.

VOCAL TECHNIQUES FOR PROPER LITURGICAL SINGING — *Mrs. Catherine Fishlock*

Liturgical singing (and chanting) requires a particular kind of vocal production and musical mindset. In this session, participants will learn tips, techniques, and tricks for better singing in the liturgy, whether from the perspective of a priest chanting the Mass, a cantor leading a congregation, or a choir member singing with an ensemble. Priests, cantors, and choir members will find this session helpful.

THE PASTOR'S ROLE IN THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF A PARISH — *Fr. Sean Wilson*

Renewing liturgical life on the parish level can be a very challenging venture. This session will offer suggestions and examples, taken from the real-life experience of a pastor, for the catechetical formation of parishioners and the planning of prayerful and beautiful liturgy on the parish level. Priests and directors of music will find this session helpful.



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