

# COLORADO SACRED MUSIC CONFERENCE 2024

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

**8:00AM: Registration & Continental Breakfast** - Parish Hall

**9:00-9:20: Welcome & Introductions** - Parish Hall (Diana Corliss, Fr. Bierbaum)

**9:20-9:50: Sacred Music in the Liturgy** - Parish Hall (Kevin Allen)

**9:50-10:00 Break**

**10:00-10:50:**

1. **Choral warmup** - Parish Hall (Diana Corliss)

Breathing, posture for singing, establishing resonance

2. **Rehearsal 1** - Parish Hall (Kevin Allen, Diana Corliss, Patrick Torsell)

3. **Clergy Session 1** - Church (Dr. Charles Nolen)

**First Things First:** fostering active participation through sung dialogues.

Deepen the *participatio actuoso* of your parish through confident singing of the dialogues. Grow in confidence of singing these parts of "great significance."

**10:50-11:00 Break**

**11:00-11:50**

1. **Rehearsal 2** - Church (Kevin Allen, Diana Corliss, Patrick Torsell)

2. **Clergy Session 2** - Parish Hall (Dr. Nolen)

**A Heavenly Match? Clergy and Musician Relationships:** A discussion on approaches and pitfalls to building a respectful, collaborative relationship with your musician(s).

**12:15 MASS - MEMORIAL OF ST. CAJETAN** (Fr. Trevor Lontine, Celebrant; Fr. Patrick DiLoreto, Concelebrant)

**1:15-2:15 Lunch** - Parish Hall

**2:15-3:15 Breakout Sessions**

1. **Composition 1** - St. Matthew Room, lower level (Kevin Allen)

2. **Organ Session** - Church (Patrick Torsell)

**Organ for Pianists (and Beginner Organists):** legato playing (i.e. life without a sustain pedal!), basic registration for accompaniment, organ terminology, and other basic tips and tricks to get started on, or transition to the organ.

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3. **Choral rehearsal techniques** - Parish Hall, lower level (Diana Corliss)  
A discussion of time management, organization, marking conducting scores, and building choral skills.
4. **Clergy Session 3** (St. Theresa of Avila Room, lower level) - Dr. Nolen  
**Collects, Prayers, and Blessings...oh my!** Learn the simple and solemn formulas for the orations during Mass, Benediction, or other liturgies.

### 3:15-3:45 Coffee and SnackBreak

#### 3:45-5:00

1. **Rehearsal 3 with focus on polyphonic principles/musicality** - Church (Kevin Allen, Diana Corliss, Patrick Torsell)
2. **Clergy Session 4** - Dr. Nolen  
**So now what? Resources & Places to Begin:** Where do we start? What resources are available, especially free ones?

### 5:00-6:15 Dinner - outside at pavilion

### 6:30-7PM Sung Evening Prayer - Church (Dr. Nolen)

#### 7PM-8:00

1. **Rehearsal 4** - Church (Kevin Allen, Diana Corliss, Patrick Torsell)
2. **Clergy Fellowship at Rectory** (Fr. Bierbaum, Dr. Nolen)  
After dinner and sung Vespers, continue the conversation in a more relaxed setting! Hosted by Fr. Bierbaum and Fr. DiLoreto at the rectory of St. Mark.

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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 (ST. DOMINIC)**

**8:00-9:00AM: Continental breakfast** (lower level of St. Mark)

**9:00-9:50AM:**

1. **Choral Warmup before rehearsal** - lower level (Kevin Allen)
2. **Rehearsal 5** - lower level (Kevin Allen, Diana Corliss, Patrick Torsell)

**9:50-10:00AM: Break**

**10:00-10:50:**

1. **A Deeper Look at the Mass Ordinary** - Church (Diana Corliss)
2. **Rehearsal 6** - Church (Kevin Allen, Diana Corliss, Patrick Torsell)

**11:00-12PM: Eucharistic Adoration & Confession** - Church

-Solemn Exposition and Benediction (Fr. Bierbaum)

-Confessions (Fr. Bierbaum and Fr. DiLoreto)

-Meditative choral music (St. Mark Chamber Choir and guests)

**12:00-1:00PM: Lunch** (lower level of St. Mark or outside at pavilion)

**1:00-2:00 Breakout Sessions**

1. **Composition 2** - St. Matthew Room, lower level (Kevin Allen)
2. **Organ 2** - Church (Patrick Torsell)

**Master Class on Improvisation techniques:** drawing out themes from hymns, chants, propers, etc. (open to a small number of participants and anyone who wishes to observe).

3. **Clergy - Musician Relationships for Music Directors** - Parish Hall (Dr. Nolen)  
**A Heavenly Match? Clergy and Musician Relationships:** A discussion on approaches and pitfalls to building a respectful, collaborative relationships with your parish clergy.

**2:10-3:00 Rehearsal 7** - Church (Kevin Allen, Diana Corliss, Patrick Torsell)

**3:00-3:30PM Coffee & Snack Break**

**3:30-5:00 Panel Discussion for Real Issues facing Church Musicians and Clergy**

- Parish Hall (Patrick Torsell, moderator, and panelists)

**5:00-6:15 PM: Dinner** (lower level of St. Mark or outside)

**7PM: MASS - MEMORIAL OF ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST** (Fr. Bierbaum, Celebrant)