

CHORAL GROUP PROFILE

ST. JOHN PAUL II SCHOLA CANTORUM

Description

Established in the Fall of 2017 in Buffalo, NY, The St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum is an independent, a *cappella* choir dedicated to preserving, promoting and performing the great treasury of sacred choral music of the Catholic Church. Our repertoire ranges from Gregorian Chant to sacred polyphony from the Middle Ages to modern times. Our ambition is to learn and perform the great masterpieces of Catholic choral repertoire, focusing on a *cappella* works for mixed voices and keeping in mind the great purpose of sacred music of the Catholic Church: "The glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful." (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, article 112)

For more information, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @JP2Schola. To view highlights from past performances, subscribe to our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8edUnerx-laVsZrAXn1ThA>.

Director Steve Quebral

Steve Quebral has been involved in Catholic music ministry for over 40 years. He studied voice under Drs. Harriet Simons and Muriel Wolf at SUNY at Buffalo and under Dr. Michael Frazier at SUNY College at Buffalo. He has directed numerous parish choirs and liturgical ensembles in Buffalo and Philadelphia, including St. Vincent DePaul Church in Buffalo, St. John the Baptist Church in Kenmore, Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Philadelphia, and St. Josaphat's Church in Cheektowaga. He has sung with many parish, school, community and professional choirs over the years, including UB Choir, Buffalo State Concert Choir, Buffalo Schola Cantorum, The Camerata Singers, Buffalo Opera Sacra, Canisius College Chorale and the Villa Maria Chorale among numerous others. Steve is a member of the Church Music Association of America. He is also a professional voiceover artist, having voiced many radio spots and narrated several video documentaries.

Rehearsal Time and Location

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (September thru June)

Blessed Trinity Church, 317 Leroy Avenue, Buffalo

Annual Events

The Schola strives to share its music at as many of the most beautiful Catholic Churches in Western NY as possible. Among our annual events:

Advent Service of Lessons & Carols, Christmas Concerts, Lenten Tenebrae Service. Lenten Reflections Concert, Spring Concerts

Audition Information

We welcome singers of all voice ranges to audition who can read music and whose voices can blend well with others. You will learn how to read and sing Gregorian Chant. You will be part of a group that loves God and loves great music. You will have the opportunity to sing in some of the most beautiful churches in Western New York. We strive to avoid conflicts for those who are already serving in their parish music ministries. To arrange for an audition, email us at JP2Schola@gmail.com. Auditions can be in-person or online.