

St. John the Baptist Church in Harrison, OH, a parish of the Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati, seeks to form a Schola Cantorum of professional vocalists. Ideally, this appointment will commence September 2024. Annual remuneration is \$1,800; or \$200 per appointment, 1 appointment per month for 9 months. See details below. Employment in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati requires *Safe Parish*™ training.

A Schola Cantorum, originally part of early liturgical tradition, is a specialized ensemble of varying size exploring a breadth of repertoire from polyphony to the contemporary, offering an informed historical perspective. St. John the Baptist is a burgeoning community founded in 1851 with a new and expansive facility built in 2019.

We seek those who possess a professional background, or are pursuing degrees, in music performance (vocal, instrumental, organ, sacred music) or a related field who possess significant leadership experience and ensemble skill, who have excellent sight-reading ability, and who inspire with excellent vocal technique and musicianship:

- 1 soprano, 2 mezzo sopranos, 1 tenor, 1 bass-baritone

Schedule will encompass 1 appointment consisting of 2 services, which are a rehearsal and a mass:

- 1.5 hours of rehearsal prior to service, 2:00–3:30pm;
- 1 service, *second Saturday* 4pm Vigil mass from September to May, total 3 hrs. 2024 dates (4): 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14; 2025 dates (5): 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10

Music load will encompass on average:

- two ensemble selections and, for example, a Kyrie/Agnus Dei or other combination from a mass such as di Lasso *Missa Quinti Toni*, Gerald Near Communion Service, or a *Missa Brevis* of Healey Willan or Benjamin Britten;
- congregational service music (hymns and other selections) will be briefly reviewed.

The following are opportunities for additional remuneration up to \$675, *although not requirements*, for the SJB Schola contingent upon availability and budget:

- vespers (evensong), 2-3 performances annually in Fall and Spring;
- paid section leader duties with SJB parish choir which serves the 11:15am Sunday mass and rehearses weekly Thursday 7-8:30pm (leading up to Christmas and Easter, 7-9pm) from September to Pentecost; 1 rehearsal and 1 service per month, including call at 10:15am. SJB choir schedules & music: [Sunday Liturgy](#)

Please contact Patrick Wickliffe, SJB Director of Music, for more information, to submit a resumé or curriculum vitae, and for a brief audition if deemed necessary at (513) 367-9086, x223 or at [pwickliffe@stjb.net](mailto:pwickliffe@stjb.net) (preferred).