

Congratulations on joining Cathedral Choir! I am glad you have committed to singing in this very special group. I know that the time and dedication you give to choir will be well worth your effort. Please read and consider the following.

Attendance

Consistent attendance is expected. It is impossible to develop into a solid musical group without consistency in attendance within the choir. Please learn to plan ahead for homework assignments and other activities. Learning to balance your activities is a life skill - learn it now! **I will work with you and your schedule to make it possible for you to be in choir, however, please work with me by making Cathedral Choir a priority on Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 and on Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 10:30. All absences must be verified by an Absence Card or a phone call or email.** Members will be called if there is no record of a planned absence. This is your responsibility . . . not your parents!

Appearance

While we do not have a specific dress code, I request that you are thoughtful about what you wear to church on Sunday mornings. Please leave tight skirts and low-cut tops for other occasions. Please do not wear casual flip-flops on Sunday mornings. No hats allowed for either rehearsals, or in the Sanctuary. When Cathedral Choir sings for services without wearing robes, such as Seven Last Words, you will be asked to dress in a more conservative manner which means that in addition to the above, women are to dress-up and men are to wear shirts and ties. Abiding by these guidelines is also a life skill. All of us make exceptions to our own personal tastes when we become a part of a group. Your appearance is important to me because I believe it speaks to who we are, and can either help or hinder our ability to deliver a message through our singing.

Behavior

Appropriate behavior is expected for rehearsals as well as worship. If there is any doubt about what is acceptable behavior, think and ask before you act. Please no pop, gum, or food in the choir room. All cell phones and other electronic devices are to be turned off. Your highest level of concentration is expected during rehearsals. Your respect and courtesy for others is essential. Choir is a place where everyone is treated with acceptance and kindness. **On Sunday mornings, we are leaders of worship and consequently we need to behave with that responsibility in mind.**

Communication

All communication for Cathedral Choir will be via your email and/or your parent's email - please make sure the church has updated addresses. In addition to the church's website at www.mtolivet.org, there is also a **Facebook** group called Cathedral Choir Minneapolis, 2008-2009. On it you will find information, schedules, and fun pictures. If you become a member of this group, which I hope you do, please know that it is monitored by me. It is my expectation that all comments will be positive, kind, and helpful.

Extra Activities

There will be some fund-raising activities that you will be expected to participate in. These activities help reduce the entire cost of our weekend trip. If we all work together we can make a large difference in the cost that you will be asked to pay individually.

I am looking forward to a great year with you. You are always welcome to call me at 612-767-2263, Facebook me, or email me at beverlyc@mtolivet.org if you have questions or concerns.

Love,
Dr. Claflin