



## ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

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Dear Colleagues,

My name is Andrew Kreigh. I want to start by taking a moment to introduce myself to all of you. As many of you already know, I recently accepted the position of Director of Sacred Music for the Archdiocese and Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis. I come to Saint Louis following three years in the Diocese of Madison which is also my home diocese. During my time there I was Director of Music for the diocese as well as two other parishes. In this position I was responsible for directing four vocal ensembles including the Diocesan Schola Cantorum, Diocesan Choir, and the two parish choirs.

Additionally, I was principal organist in each of these settings. Prior to my time in Madison, I completed my master's degree in organ performance and church music at the University of Iowa. Previously I held the position of assistant organist in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and before that in Hartford, Connecticut.

Now, onto Saint Louis! I cannot tell you how excited both my fiancé and I are to be here. We already have fallen in love with Saint Louis and everyone we have had the opportunity to get to know thus far. Our hearts are overflowing from all the kindness and generosity so many of you have already shown us. I cannot wait to meet all of you, and I look forward to learning more about each of you, your parishes, and your music programs. I want to start by expressing to you all that if there is any way I can be of assistance to you and your parishes please do not hesitate to let me know. The Archdiocese of Saint Louis has a wealth of resources and I want to make sure we are putting those to good use. Most of all I want to make sure I am helping and supporting you all in your ministry. If there is any way I can support you, please do let me know.

Lastly, I come to you asking for you to prayerfully consider joining the Archdiocesan choir. This is an opportunity for you to step out from the role of choir director and step into the role of chorister and do some singing. I know this is a large ask for parish musicians. I understand that it is a major commitment to give up a night every week and come to the cathedral, but if you can please keep an open heart I would greatly appreciate it. For me to do my job to the best of my ability I need your help!

Additionally, if I am to be the best resource for you, we first need to get to know each other. The Archdiocesan Choir is the perfect environment for us to firstly, make beautiful music together, secondly, share ideas, and last but not least, engage in a bit of fellowship. Additionally, I ask that you consider bringing some of your cantors and other singers who you feel would be comfortable in the archdiocesan choir environment. There will be a great deal of repertoire and I cannot wait to bring all the beautiful sacred choral literature to life with you all!

Auditions for the Archdiocesan and Cathedral Choirs will take place on August 2nd and 3rd as well as August 16th and 17th. They will be held in the Saint Cecilia Chapel at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd, from 7:00-9:00pm. Please see the following audition guidelines for the Archdiocesan Choir.

#### **Archdiocesan Choir Audition Requirements**

1. Prepare one of the following hymns: Holy God We Praise Thy Name, Morning Has Broken, or Praise to the Lord the Almighty
2. Sight Reading
3. Scales / vocal range testing

*Ability to read music is preferred for this ensemble.*

Again, I very much look forward to meeting as many of you as I am able. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. Please know of my prayers and support for you all. I commend you for the beautiful work you all do through your ministry for the people and ultimately for the greater glory of God. I hope to see many of you at auditions!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Kreigh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Kreigh".

**Andrew Kreigh**

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