

# ST. CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

**Introduction:** The Music Ministry is a means by which joy is expressed through singing, hence, should always be a joyful activity. A church choir helps the congregation to have an active, meaningful and uplifting worship through church hymns. Each member strives to celebrate the liturgy in a manner that promotes participation by all, with joy and reverence.

The choir member's participation in the music ministry is crucial and significant and the service they render involves a major commitment. They are to observe and follow a set guidelines developed by the Music Coordinator and under the spiritual guidance of the Pastor. Through these guidelines, we hope to accomplish unity, respect, cooperation, growth and appreciation among members and to help in opening minds and hearts of the worshipping community to give glory to God.

**Vision Statement:** St. Christopher Church Music Ministry envisions to enrich, inspire, motivate and involve the community in hymns and sacred songs during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and other liturgical celebrations.

**Mission Statement:** St. Christopher Catholic Music Ministry seeks to achieve this vision by:

1. Pursuing overall growth of the members who are rooted in Catholic Spirituality.
2. Having discipline and respect for one another and to those in authority.
3. Being committed to rehearsals, Holy Eucharist and other Liturgical Celebrations.
4. Dedicated to learn new hymns with open mind and heart.
5. Being knowledgeable of the liturgy and various liturgical seasons of the Church.

## **Music Ministry Membership Requirements:**

To be a part of the music ministry one must observe the following:

1. For vocalists, one must possess a love and a reasonable skill for singing; for an instrumentalist, a reasonable love and skill for playing a musical instrument. Strives to be independent, resourceful and assertive in improving one's talent and interest in music.
2. Must be willing to abide by the rules and regulations of St. Christopher Catholic Church. Must have undergone Virtus training as required by the Archdiocese.
3. Must have a positive attitude, team spirit and cooperation to the organization. Must be supportive and cooperative with fund raising activities and other liturgical services sponsored by St. Christopher Church.
4. Must be a practicing Catholic, registered as a parishioner of St. Christopher Catholic Church.

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5. Must be punctual in attending rehearsals and Masses at designated time as follows:
  - a. All choir members must report no later than 15 minutes before the beginning of the Mass. When the Mass has started and the word of God is being proclaimed or the choir is singing, anyone who is tardy must wait and then join the choir at the end of the reading or singing.
  - b. Must attend rehearsals consistently. If there is an expected tardiness due to unforeseen circumstances, the member must inform the coordinator in a timely manner. Due to various life circumstances, it may be necessary for a member to be absent from the choir for an extended period of time with the intention of returning when circumstances change. Member(s) requesting an extended leave of absence must contact the coordinator and update status of membership regularly.
6. Avoid conflict of schedule with another ministry and prioritize your commitment with St. Christopher Music Ministry:
  - a. If you are a member of another ministry at St. Christopher, schedule your service with the other ministry in a different mass.
  - b. If you are a member of another ministry in a different church, make sure that there is no conflict or hindrance that prevents you to attend the scheduled activities of St. Christopher Music Ministry.
7. Must respect the ability of your co members and the skill and knowledge of the music coordinator. Discuss ideas with the coordinator in a tactful and kindly manner. Ask questions and clarifications at an appropriate time causing no disruption or delay of rehearsal.

**Choir Uniforms:** In order to promote harmony & coordination among members, each member may be attired alike as follows:

1. Same color as the liturgical color of the day.
2. In special occasions and at the direction of the choir coordinator may wear white blouse and black skirt/pants for ladies and white collared shirt and black pants/slacks for men.
3. No inappropriate attires such as see through or transparent outfit, mini-skirts, shorts, jeans, haltered sleeves, low neck line or any revealing wardrobe are allowed in Church.

