

Expectations for OLMC Music Ministers

Our Music Ministry maintains a friendly environment of committed team players, devoted to our call to be instruments of God's praise and to lead others to a more intimate encounter with the Lord.

To serve God and our parish to the best of our abilities we have outlined expectations for Music Ministers. These expectations take into account the role we have in creating an environment of worship that draws people into the presence of Christ.

The following three categories and expectations are critical to this area of service:

Spiritual Maturity / Character

Members of the music ministry should demonstrate the following:

- A committed faith in Jesus as Savior
- Evidence of Godly character through actions, words and social media posts
- Proper etiquette and courteous responses to interactions with others in the music ministry and parishioners.
 - Reverence in the Church.
 - Maintaining a prayerful atmosphere in the music ministry pit before /during Mass.
- Regular attendance at the parish, engaged through Mass and other events
- A humble and teachable spirit and willingness to be under the authority of the Church

Servant Orientation

Members of the music ministry should demonstrate the following:

- A willingness to follow and serve under the music ministry staff's direction and guidance
- A willingness to serve the musical needs of the parish where needed, even when the needs of the music ministry conflict with personal **preferences**.
- Maintaining an attitude of worship and serving, with an emphasis on quality rather than performance
- Completion and current status on Diocesan "Called to Protect" training (For more information visit www.safeenvironmenttraining.org).

Musicianship

Vocalists and Instrumentalists should have musical talent and presence that helps draw others toward Christ in worship. The following are expectations that when met, allow the music ministry to function at its best:

All Musicians

- Familiar with music selections and arrangements through group and/or individual practice
- Consistently attentive to director or lead musician, other instrumentalists and vocalists to support music arrangements and adapt as needed
- Consistently attend scheduled rehearsals
 - *Exceptions will be made for work/school/illness if prearranged with Music Ministry Director or staff*
- Consistently updates calendar and confirms schedule on Planning Center
- Consistently arrives on time for sound check and rehearsal prior to scheduled service
 - *Notifies the Music Ministry Director or staff of anticipated delays*

Vocalists

- Required:
 - Able to consistently sing assigned vocal part, including notes, rhythm and lyrics, with minimal reliance on other vocalists
 - Able to sing with confidence into a microphone and indicate needs to sound engineer
- Preferred: Able to read music and harmonize as needed

Instrumentalists

- Required:
 - Able to play from chord charts and notated sheet music
 - Able to keep rhythm consistent with other instrumentalists
 - Able to transpose keys with minimal prep time
 - Able to set up sound equipment for instrument and indicate needs to sound engineer
- Preferred: Able to read music and improvise as needed

If after prayer and careful consideration you are willing and able to meet these expectations, please read the statement below and check the box and sign to confirm your agreement.

I accept, understand, and agree to these ministry expectations. I will strive to commit to these standards if selected to serve in this ministry. If there comes a time when I am no longer able to meet these expectations I agree to work with the Music Ministry Director or designated staff to determine the best course of action.

First and Last Name	
Signature	
Date	