

Terms of reference for the Catholic choirs in Sankt Knud Lavard Church, Lyngby

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The church choir of a Catholic parish with singers, musicians and a director is an integral part of the liturgy of that parish. It gives expression to the worship of God not only by the members of the choir itself but also by leading the congregation in celebrating holy Mass. Participation in such a choir is thus a ministry whereby one unfolds several layers of the Catholic liturgy surrounding the Eucharistic celebration. At a basic level one may express oneself in praise of the Lord and the beauty of His creation, at another level the choir supports the singing of the congregation and helps everybody participate in worshipping God through music, and finally the choir participates in transforming everyday matter - sounds, colors, words and acts – into the sacred presence of the Lord in the holy, Catholic Sunday Mass.

Accepting such an opportunity to participate in evangelization at a particular time and place – the Catholic parish in Lyngby, in Denmark, in 2011 – thus serving as a living sign and example of the Gospel message across culture, language or social circumstances naturally entails a commitment to the parish, to the choir and to the choir master. In Sankt Knud Lavard Church in Lyngby we have both an English language choir and a Danish language choir, both directed by the same choir master who has an obligation to uphold the quality and integrity of the choir. In Lyngby we are proud of the liturgical role of our choir, we believe it is important and we want to maintain the close relationship between the choir and all the other ministries of the parish. If one is interested in participating in a choir solely because of the music or only because of the social network, there are more suitable choirs either of a secular composition or affiliated with some of the other Christian (protestant or catholic) parishes in Copenhagen.

Participation in a Sankt Knud Lavard Church choir is open to musicians and singers who are willing to:

- meet for practice an hour before mass
- refrain from participation in other choirs at the same time
- contribute to the identity and musical quality of the parish choir as a collective mission
- enjoy the friendly companionship of other choir members and the beautiful music you will create together

We ask that candidates provide the choir master with name, address, e-mail and phone number, and that you attend a brief audition to decide where you fit in best. Contact: Mr. Thomas Høyer, Choir Master, thomas00hoyer@gmail.dk

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