

## **SCHOLA CANTORUM**

The very first *Schola Cantorum* was founded in 438 A.D. in the Catholic Church to foster the singing of liturgical chant including the prescribed antiphons, the Ordinary of the Mass and later sacred polyphony by highly trained and disciplined singers.

The ***SCHOLA CANTORUM*** at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will continue to advance this tradition with the regular rendering of the Proper Antiphons and Psalms while zealously exploring the Church's vast treasury of Polyphonic Mass Ordinaries, Motets, Anthems and Sacred Cantatas.

This Fall our Parish will introduce a series of "Choral Masses" at our 5:00PM liturgy on the first Sunday of each month as well as most Solemnities. These Liturgies will include a glorious rendering of the Ordinary of the Mass in either Chant form or setting by some of Western Music's finest composers of liturgical music including Hassler, Haydn, Lotti, Monteverdi, Mozart and Palestrina to name a few.

The *Schola Cantorum* will also embark on a Series of Sacred Music Concerts accompanied by chamber orchestra and/or brass ensemble (to be announced).

**Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings.**

Membership is by audition only.

*"A well-trained choir adds beauty and solemnity to the liturgy and also assists and encourages the singing of the congregation...(the choir) will assume the role of leadership, while at other times it will retain its own distinctive ministry."*

**MUSIC IN CATHOLIC WORSHIP (1969)**