



The Ministers of Music



- **The Assembly**

The primary minister of music is the assembly itself. Every member of the assembly is called to participate in the liturgy by way of acclamations, responses, psalms, antiphons and other songs. With the support of competent music ministers, the entire assembly is enabled to voice its song of praise to the God of salvation.

- **Director of Music Ministry**

The director of music ministry must possess a good knowledge of music and the liturgy.

- **The Cantor**

The principal role of the cantor is to proclaim the Responsorial Psalm and to elicit the assembly's response.

- **The Choir**

The principal role of the choir is to lead and support the song of the assembly.

- **Organist and Other Instrumentalists**

As servants of the Church's prayer, organists and other instrumentalists provide support for the song of the assembly.

- **The Leader of Song**

The leader of song supports the song of the assembly, especially in the absence of a choir. While it is fitting to have a leader of song even when a choir is present, it is always desirable to have a leader of song when there is no choir to support the song of the assembly. The leader of song does not stand at the ambo, but rather at another place which is visible to the assembly. In some cases the leader of song also serves as the cantor.

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