

# *Spring 2010*

## *Music Based Evangelization Opportunities Saint Cecilia Classical Productions Inc.*

*Proclaiming the faith through beautiful music*

*Do you like to sing or can you play an instrument well?*

*Do you enjoy sharing your Catholic faith with others?*

*Would you like to make a difference in a young person's life?*

Saint Cecilia Classical Productions Inc. a new, music-based, Catholic, evangelization apostolate. We are an orthodox, lay-operated organization whose principle focus is the advancement of the Culture of Life by the promotion of authentic Catholic family values to today's young people.

To do this we need traditional Catholic young women who wish to use their musical talents and knowledge of the faith to make a difference in the lives of our youth. We are conducting a nationwide talent search for Catholic young ladies of exceptional music ability in the areas of classical or contemporary voice (alto or soprano), string or wind instruments. While not a requirement, acting, dance, Music Theater or public speaking experience would be an additional plus. Some knowledge of Latin would also be helpful.

Performing in small vocal ensembles, these young ladies will take the principles of our Catholic faith and "multiply", so to speak, their effect through the medium of music: quality music performed by women of character, modesty, and grace. Through their own good example, and the witness they give, they will promote the virtues of true womanhood and authentic Catholic family life to today's young people.

High school seniors, college age women or recent graduates, especially those with degrees in music, are encouraged to apply. Home-schooled individuals or those who were raised in the Tridentine Mass tradition are also most welcome. This is a great opportunity to help spread the pro-life message while meeting other young Catholic musicians who share the same traditional values.

Our basic requirements are: a strong music background in one's chosen field; a sound knowledge of basic Catholic teachings; faithfulness to the Holy Father and the Magisterium of the Church; a strong devotion to Our Lady and the Rosary; and a good understanding and appreciation of the Church's teaching on modesty.

Interested young ladies may mail or e-mail (preferred) their résumé with repertoire to:

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For more information about our work and requirements, please visit our web site at:

[www.saintceciaclassicalproductions.org](http://www.saintceciaclassicalproductions.org)

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## Overview of our purpose

Throughout all of history, the family has been the basic unit of any enduring society. In many of his writings, Pope John Paul II consistently stressed the importance of strong family life. If we are to be successful in creating the new Culture of Life that this Pope spoke of so often, there must be an authentic spiritual renewal of the family and this renewal must start with the youth of today, for it is they who will be the foundations of the families of tomorrow. The focus of our ministry can be divided into four key areas of concern.

**Basic Church teachings** – Many Catholics today have little understanding of how their faith should permeate their lives and their interaction with our society. They have been assimilated into our secular culture to such an extent, that they no longer possess a Catholic identity. Archbishop Charles Chaput, of Denver, emphasized this point in his address at the University of Toronto this past February. He said: “... *The Church in the United States has done a poor job of forming the faith and conscience of Catholics for more than 40 years. And now we're harvesting the results -- in the public square, in our families and in the confusion of our personal lives*”. It is imperative then, that our young people have a solid foundation in their faith so that they will be able to recognize and challenge the false values of today's world. Essential to this task is the fostering of a good spiritual life with emphasis on personal holiness through prayer and frequent reception of the sacraments

**Increased education on pro-life issues** – The goal here is to inspire and enable, through education, teens and young adults to be effective pro-life leaders committed to building a Culture of Life by spreading Christ's message of love, hope and forgiveness to other young people. These youthful leaders can be some of the best promoters of the pro-life movement because they are better able to reach their peers with the pro-life message. This peer-to-peer education can have a large impact on the pro-life movement.

**Dignity of Women** – In our society today, respect for women is at an all time low. This loss of dignity for women has also been accompanied by a corresponding breakdown in the stability of the family. If there is to be a genuine renewal of family life in our country, it is essential that women rediscover the grace and beauty of their femininity and realize the importance of the role that God has planned for them from the beginning.

**The Need for good positive role models** – America's News and Entertainment Industry, in all its various forms, is having a tragic effect on the lives of young people, especially girls and young women. When a young person looks around at our society today, what do they see in the way of good positive role models, very little! Every form of media, including television, movies, magazines, internet, music etc, all assault our youth and try to lead them away from God.

To help counter these problems, our strategy is to use entertainment groups of orthodox, Catholic, young women who can be good role models for today's youth, and, at the same time, impart the truths of the faith to them. Through our presentations and songs, we will highlight the key points of the Faith and give concrete examples of their application to the lives of young people.

Performing in small vocal ensembles, these young ladies will take the principles of our Catholic Faith, as well as the ideals put forth by Pope John Paul II in his writings on the family, and “multiply”, so to speak, their effect through the medium of music: quality music performed by young women of character, modesty, and grace. Through their own good example, and the witness they give, these young women will promote the virtues of true womanhood and authentic Catholic family life to today's young people. This method of evangelization, known as music-based apologetics, is explained in detail on our web site.

To all of the above, we would add one final note. The task of reclaiming America for Christ is a formidable one, and no one person or organization can accomplish this alone. But with all of us working together, and encouraged by our Lord's words that, “*with God all things are possible*”, we can make a difference. Again, in the words of Archbishop Chaput of Denver: “*If pagan Rome could be won for Jesus Christ, surely we can do the same in our own world. What it takes is the zeal and courage to live what we claim to believe*”.

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