



**NATIONAL UNITED CHOIRS
MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY
January 27, 2019**

*Make a joyful shout
to God all the earth!
Sing out the honor of
His name; make His
praise glorious -*

Psalm 66: 1,2

Dear Pastor/Organist,

The last Sunday of January has been set aside by Synodal resolution as Music Scholarship Sunday, which puts special emphasis on the Music Scholarship program of the National United Choirs of the Polish National Catholic Church. It is the Sunday when the choirs, organists, directors and choir members should be recognized for their contributions to the music ministry of our church. It is also the Sunday when we look to the future and identify those that we hope will be part of the music ministry of the PNCC. Music provides inspiration and pleasure to both the musician and the listener. We encourage you to have your aspiring musicians play either for Mass on this Sunday or in your church hall afterwards.

The Music Scholarship program has a number of endowments and awards that are available to members of the PNCC, whether it is via instrument or voice, regardless of age. It is our calling to encourage and reach those individuals who have the potential and love of music. With encouragement and praise, the rewards are many for all of the PNCC.

The Scholarship Program has a web site, nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com where any interested person can learn about the program – its history, awards, and latest winners. Downloads for the next application process are also available on this site. As requested we have also included donation forms, which could be used for individual contributions throughout the year as well as for memorial gifts.

Past financial support from the faithful of the PNCC has enabled us to grant awards annually to deserving applicants. We offer our sincere “thanks” for what has been donated to the Music Scholarship Fund. Since 1966 the Scholarship Program has awarded 1095 members of the PNCC a financial incentive to continue pursuing their musical studies. To date we have awarded \$316,985! It is a rewarding feeling to know that several of the original music scholarship recipients are still active in the music ministry of the PNCC – five decades later! Indeed the program has succeeded!

We hope you will acknowledge Music Scholarship Sunday in your parish and encourage applicants for the program. It is imperative that any collected funds be submitted to your Diocesan Treasurer without delay so your donations can be included in the amounts for the 2019 scholarships.

May God bless you and our PNCC!

Sincerely in Christ,

Cathy A. Bilinski, Administrator
Music Scholarship Committee