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THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
SIXTH ANNUAL ALL-CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HONOR CHOIR
Saturday, February 10, 2018

It is with great pleasure that we announce our **Sixth Annual All-Catholic High School Honor Choir Festival** conducted by **Dr. Timothy McDonnell, Director of Choral Activities** at The Catholic University of America that will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018. This one-day experience includes rehearsals throughout the course of the day, a masterclass presented by **Professor Rick Christman, Voice Faculty** of The Catholic University of America, and a culminating performance at 4:30 p.m. in St. Vincent's Chapel on the CUA campus. Please find attached a tentative schedule.

Students are chosen and invited to participate in this honor choir based upon their musicianship and their contributions to your choral program. As their conductor, your recommendation is necessary for any student to participate in this special event. Please list your outstanding *seniors, juniors* and *sophomores* on the attached sheet and indicate the ability/achievement rating of each student. Your rating factors into the selection process. **We must receive your nominations by Friday, December 1, 2017. The nomination form is attached to this email along with the "tentative" Schedule for the Day**, for the accepted students. **You can now access all documents and forms on our music education webpage <http://musiceducation.cua.edu/>.** After we receive your list, we will send the application form and all the honor choir information to the student. All choir members who attend the festival will receive a *Certificate of Participation* and a 2018 Catholic University of America High School Honor Choir t-shirt, snacks, and lunch. There is a \$35.00 fee for participation in the Honor Choir. The CUA All-Catholic High School Honor Choir concert will be held from at 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m., Saturday, February 10, 2018 at St. Vincent's chapel on the CUA campus. The concert is free and open to the public, should parents and directors wish to attend. A map of the CUA campus is available on the site.

Biographies:

Timothy McDonnell, DMA
Director of Choral Activities and Director of Institute of Sacred Music
<http://music.cua.edu/faculty/mcdonnell.cfm>

Professor Rick Christman, Tenor
Clinical Assistant Professor
<http://music.cua.edu/faculty/christmanr.cfm>

A list of the music for the concert will be sent via email by mid-December.

Any seniors who are interested in attending The Catholic University of America as a music major or music minor may audition during our official audition dates, December 2, 2017 (*Required for Early Decision and Early Action Students*), January 13, 2018 and February 3, 2018. All applicants who audition (either in person or by recording) are automatically considered for a music scholarship. Please visit the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music website at <http://music.cua.edu/audition/index.cfm> for complete information with regard to auditions and scholarships.

We look forward to hosting your outstanding students on our campus on Saturday, February 10, 2018 in what we know will be an outstanding day of music making and camaraderie.

With much excitement and gratitude for your participation,

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