

About the MCEA

The Minnesota Catholic Education Association (MCEA) has been providing leadership and service to Minnesota Catholic educators and students since 1954. Today, the MCEA is a professional organization that serves Catholic educators in schools, religious formation and youth programs of the Church.



About the MCEA 2010 Convention: *We Are People of HOPE!*

On August 23 and 24, 2010, more than 2,000 Catholic educators, administrators and religious education program directors from Catholic schools and parishes throughout Minnesota will gather at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC) in Duluth for the Minnesota Catholic Education Association (MCEA) 2010 Convention. The convention features more than 150 workshops, large group sessions, an exhibit hall, liturgy, and, for the first time, the Minnesota Catholic All-State Honor Choirs.

The Honor Choirs will sing at the liturgy as well as perform a concert for all Convention attendees in the evening of the first day of the Convention.

Also unique to this Convention is the opportunity for parents to attend a special "parent track" of workshops.

Visit our website to learn about:

Hotel Accomodations

MCEA has secured wonderful rates with some of Duluth's best hotels! Come early or stay late and enjoy all Duluth has to offer.



Information and vacation ideas for families.



MCEA Convention



Speakers, schedule, plenary sessions, exhibition hall, and more! Learn all about the MCEA 2010 Convention: *We Are People of HOPE!*

Directions and Maps

All of this, and more, is available at:

www.mncatholiced.org



Minnesota Catholic Education Association

MCEA 2010 Convention:

We Are People of HOPE!

Proudly Presents

The Minnesota Catholic All-State Honor Choirs



Duluth Entertainment Convention Center
August 23, 2010

The Minnesota Catholic Education Association (MCEA) is thrilled to present the first-ever Catholic All-State Honor Choirs which will be held on August 23, 2010 in conjunction with the MCEA Convention: *We Are People of HOPE!* A committee of dedicated music teachers and music ministers from all over the state has worked hard to vet conductors, create goals and outcomes for students, and determine how to best organize the event.

The goals for students who participate in the Catholic All-State Honor Choirs are to:

- ◆ Experience choral singing with students from other Catholic communities from across the state of Minnesota.
- ◆ Allow students to work with noted conductors.
- ◆ Offer students the best of the sacred and liturgical music tradition and help them understand the meaning and purpose of the music used in liturgy.
- ◆ Help students improve and learn new musical skills.
- ◆ Energize students and help them grow as leaders so they can bring that energy and leadership back to their congregations and schools.

The MCEA hopes to accomplish these goals by choosing high-quality repertoire that is not overly difficult from a technical perspective, so as to be able to fully explore the spiritual, emotional, and musical aspects of the music and to work towards becoming cohesive ensembles in a one-day format. We want to challenge students musically, while making the Catholic All-State Honor Choirs a successful experience for students from rural, suburban, and urban settings. It will be a wonderful opportunity for students from many different backgrounds to come together to create beautiful music and to perform a cumulative concert for the MCEA Convention attendees and families.

There will be three Honor Choirs:

- ◆ Grades 5-8 girls
- ◆ Grades 5-8 boys
- ◆ Grades 9-12 mixed

Meet the Conductors



Dr. Axel Theimer, professor of music at St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict's and a world-renowned conductor, will be conducting the high school mixed choir.

Teri Larson, Director of Music at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis and a conductor of many honor choirs, will be conducting the 5-8 girls' choir.



Aaron Carpenter, Director of Music at St. Joseph the Worker in Maple Grove and Assistant Conductor of the Land of Lakes Choirboys, will conduct the 5-8 boys' choir.

Schedule Highlights

for

Monday, August 23rd

Check-in	8:30am
Rehearsals begin	9:00am
Sing at Mass	5:00pm
Concert	7:30pm

Participation Fees

The MCEA has worked to cover a majority of the costs associated with holding the Minnesota Catholic All-State Honor Choirs. However, there is a \$45 fee that will help offset the costs and will also include breakfast, lunch, and dinner for each choir participant.

Music teachers and music directors were asked to use the following criteria when nominating students for the choirs:

- ◆ Students in grades 9-12 should be able to sight-sing a simple melody
- ◆ Students in grades 9-12 should be able to sing in 3- or 4-part harmony
- ◆ Students in grades 5-8 should know how to read a score (e.g. follow their part)
- ◆ Students in grades 5-8 should be able to sing in 2-part harmony
- ◆ Students need to have a demonstrated commitment to choral singing within the Catholic community (e.g. already be a participant in a Catholic choir)
- ◆ Students need to have excellent pitch-matching ability

Parents/guardians are invited to attend the 2010 Convention: *We Are People of HOPE!*

Wondering what to do while your student is in rehearsals all day? Attend the 2010 Convention! MCEA has developed a special track of sessions designed for parents and guardians. Come and hear nationally-renowned speakers such as Dr. Sandra Kennedy and Dr. David Walsh as they address hot-button topics parents face today. Explore the Exhibition Hall and attend Mass and the concert! Plus, receive a special "parent rate" of \$65! Included