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June 17 – July 2, 2013 + Camp and Multi-State Tour

The National Catholic Youth Choir (NCYC), now in its 14th season, is sponsored by Saint John’s University School of Theology-Seminary and meets on the grounds of Saint John’s Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

The choir began under the motto *Spreading the Catholic Faith Through Great Music* as a response to the call of Pope John Paul II for a “new evangelization.” The choir sings music of various Christian traditions, ranging from medieval Gregorian chant to twentieth-century music. Founding director is Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB and the choir is led by Dr. Axel Theimer. The primary focus of the choir is liturgical, and the choir seeks to implement the directive of Vatican Council II that the “treasury of sacred music” be preserved and fostered in the modern liturgy.

Each year up to 45 high school students entering grades 10, 11, and 12 from across the United States are selected to participate in the choir based on written applications, formal recommendations, and recorded auditions. The two week summer camp generally takes place the last two weeks in June and includes extensive choir rehearsals, repertoire-based classes in religion, music theory, and music history, recreation, recording a CD, daily worship and prayer (Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament). The choir worships together

as a group with the Benedictine monks on campus and with the Benedictine sisters in nearby St. Joseph and conclude each day by singing Compline. The choristers also receive cantor training as encouragement for musical ministry in their home parishes and throughout their adult life.

The final days of camp includes a multi-state concert tour. In past years the choir has sung throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Michigan, Indiana, and Georgia. Please use our contact information below if you would like to invite the choir to perform in your parish or diocese.

Upon completion of the annual NCYC

program 100% of the chorister evaluations to date express significant growth and development in the areas of spirituality, self-confidence, self-discipline, independence, maturity, voice care and vocal methods. Choristers also commit to becoming more active in their parish music ministry.

Applications are accepted annually from October through March. Application and audition information and how to purchase concert CD’s can be found on our website at www.CatholicYouthChoir.org or by contacting our office at (320) 363-3154 or email dkantor@csbsju.edu.





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Please share this information with your local parishes, schools, colleagues, families and friends.
Someone out there may know a student who is eligible to apply.

- APPLICATION & AUDITION FORMS** Online at www.CatholicYouthChoir.org
- CAMP & TOUR DATES** June 17 – July 2, 2013
- WHO MAY APPLY** Catholic high school students entering grades 10, 11, and 12 the fall of 2013
- LOCATION** Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN
- COST** \$900 for 16 day camp and tour, just \$56.25 per day, scholarships up to \$400 are available.
(The registration fee includes all lodging, meals and travel during camp and tour. It does not include travel to and from Saint John's however, if arriving by air, transportation will be provided to and from the MSP airports and the University. Many participants seek grants, donations and/or fund raising assistance from local or state arts boards, music schools, their local diocese, parish and school organizations as well as family and friends.)

