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## Gregorian Chant Workshop to be held at St. Michael, Auburn

AUBURN—Gregorian Chant is only for monasteries and cathedrals, right? Wrong, says the St. Cecilia Schola at St. Michaels parish in Auburn, Alabama. It can be part of parish life too, and be sung by anyone. To show how, the Schola is conducting a one-day workshop, February 19, 2005.

This 2nd annual teaching and singing conference shows how anyone can take part in the revival of sacred music in a parish. It provides a practical introduction for directors of music, singers in parish choirs, parents who want their children to learn Latin chant, or anyone who is curious about the sound and solemnity of chant.

The St. Cecilia Schola Cantorum has been featured on EWTN, sung at the Cathedral in Mobile, and received Archbishop Lipscomb's blessing for its musical contribution. The workshop is directed by Scott Turkington, the internationally

renowned specialist in chant and Catholic choral music and leader of the Stamford Schola Gregoriana.

The workshop features Singing sessions on the essential Latin chants every Catholic should know; singing sessions on 16th century polyphony by Palestrina and others; singing sessions on the basics of reading chant notation; masses for the Second Sunday of Lent, during which the Workshop Schola will sing; lectures on the meaning of the Mass and Sacred Music; sheet music provided as part of registration; a luncheon; and all-day child care.

In particular, the workshop will sing through the chant book distributed by Pope Paul VI in 1974 with the instruction that it should serve as the foundation for the musical life of every parish. It was this book that was to fulfill Vatican II's call for the faithful to sing the parts of the liturgy that belong to them.

The workshop runs from 9:00am to 6:00pm, with the option of coming early to hear the St. Cecilia Schola assist at the 8:00am Mass, or staying overnight to sing at Sunday's 8:00am Mass.

Registration for the Sacred Music Workshop, February 19, 2005: \$30 per attendee. (Note on travel: the shuttle from the Atlanta airport [Eastern Standard Time; Auburn is Central] takes approx. 90 minutes to arrived at the hotel or the parish.) Send registrations to: St. Michaels Catholic Church; 302 East Magnolia Ave.; Auburn, Alabama 36830. Email [arlene@ceciliaschola.org](mailto:arlene@ceciliaschola.org). See also the schola website: [www.ceciliaschola.org](http://www.ceciliaschola.org).

