

T WENTIETH ANNUAL DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR MUSIC MINISTRY RETREAT AND WORKSHOP

Preliminary Agenda:

Friday

5:00 pm	Social Time
6:30 pm	Welcome, Prayer, Dinner
7:30 pm	Keynote: <u>"Maintenance to Mission: The Role of Pastoral Musicians in Parish Evangelization"</u> Anna Betancourt and Dr. Glenn Byer
9:00 pm	Night Prayer

**Also available to attendees:
"POP-UP CHOIR" REHEARSAL**

**following the conclusion of the event on Saturday.
Choir sings at the 4pm Parish Mass at Holy Family Church**

Saturday

Continental Breakfast	8:30 am
Welcome, Opening Prayer	9:00 am
Keynote: <u>"The Minister of Music: Believer, Disciple and Servant"</u>	9:30 am
Breakout session #1 <i>Track I</i> <u>"The Cantor's Ministry: Guiding the Assembly"</u> Anna Betancourt	11:00 am – Noon <i>Track II</i> <u>"Welcoming: The Minister of Music, Hospitality and Outreach"</u> Dr. Glenn Byer
Lunch	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Breakout session #2	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Morning breakout discussion continues.	
Reading/Repertoire Session <u>"Music for Advent and Christmas"</u> Anna Betancourt and Dr. Glenn Byer	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Evaluation and Closing Prayer	3:30 pm



Anna Betancourt is a professional singer, songwriter, music director and workshop presenter. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, she previously worked in various bilingual communities as music director, choral director and cantor in the parishes of Southern

California. She has more than 35 years of experience working with various choirs including youth, children's, adult, contemporary, traditional choirs and handbells choirs.

Anna graduated from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where she studied voice and music theory, and where she also worked as assistant director of liturgy and music. At the archdiocesan level, she has served as a music committee member, deanery representative and a member of the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress Liturgy Committee.

Anna's voice can be heard on more than 50 recordings, including some by Jaime Cortez, Bob Hurd and Eleazar Cortés. Her first solo collection, *Te Doy Gracias*, features 12 popular contemporary Spanish and bilingual songs. Her collection *Tomaré Mi Cruz* presents inspiring songs for liturgy, worship groups or retreats. Her music is also featured in OCP's *Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe/Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe* collection.

Anna has been a speaker and presenter at various conferences and workshops on music and liturgy. She is the former Spanish choir director at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles and Christ Cathedral in Orange County, California. She currently ministers with her husband, Deacon Mike Betancourt, at St. Mark Catholic Church in Argyle, Texas.



Dr. Glenn Byer was born and raised on a farm near Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He has written widely on the liturgy, including an ongoing series of articles in *Today's Liturgy* on the link between the Catechism of the Catholic Church and

liturgical ministry and books on pastoral liturgical topics. He speaks widely on how to get more out of the liturgy.

His work in liturgy led to a post as professor of liturgy at Kenrick School of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri. He taught three years for the Paul VI Catechetical Institute, also in St. Louis. Glenn has served on the liturgy commissions of three archdioceses, Edmonton, Baltimore and St. Louis. He received a master's in liturgy from the University of Notre Dame in 1987 and a sacred liturgy doctorate (SLD) from Sant' Anselmo in Rome in 1994. Glenn currently works as OCP's worship publications manager.

He was recently awarded honorable mention for his book, [Unlocking the Feasts and Seasons of the Liturgical Year](#) and, in 2018, won first place for his book, [26 Ordinary Ways to Live the Liturgy](#), in the CPA (Catholic Press Association) Book Awards. Glenn is the co-author with Mary Jo Tully and Paulette McCoy of [The Catholic Catechist's Companion](#), with Msgr. William Belford and Michael R. Prendergast of [Parish Liturgy Basics](#) and with Michael R. Prendergast of [Hospitality Basics](#). In 2022, Glenn was elected to the executive of the North American Academy of Liturgy.

Lodging in the Woodruff, WI - Minocqua, WI area

Typical stay would be from Friday, October 16, 2026 into Saturday, October 17, 2026

Best Western Plus Concord Inn

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-minocqua/best-western-plus-concord-inn/propertyCode.50132.html

320 Front Street
Minocqua, WI 54548

(715) 356-1800

•Block of 10 rooms offered – \$190.00 per night

•Offer expires September 15, 2026

•Call the **local number** above

and tell the front desk staff you'd like a room from the block offered to the "Diocese of Superior."

Grand Stay Hotel and Suites

<https://www.grandstayhospitality.com/find-a-hotel/locations/minocqua-woodruff/overview>

8729 US Hwy 51
Minocqua, WI 54548

(715) 358-2588

•Block of 10 rooms offered – \$99.90 per night

•Call the **local number** above

and tell the front desk staff you'd like a room from the block offered to the "Diocese of Superior."

Other area lodging options:

AmericInn <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/americinn/minocqua-wisconsin/americinn-minocqua/overview>

700 US Hwy 51, North, Minocqua, WI 54548

(715) 356-3730

Aqua Aire Inn and Suites <https://www.aquaaire.com/>

806 US Hwy 51, Minocqua, WI 54548

(715) 356-3433

Northwoods Inn and Suites

8730 US Hwy 51, North, Minocqua, WI 54548

(715) 356-9541 or (715) 358-2152

Skylark Motel <https://skylark-motel.net/>

226 Elm Street, Woodruff, WI 54568

(715) 356-5558

Pointe Hotel Suites and Conference Center <https://thepointeresort.com/>

8269 US Hwy 51, South, Minocqua, WI 54548

(715) 356-4431

The Waters of Minocqua <https://www.thewatersofminocqua.com/>

8116 US Hwy 51, South, Minocqua, WI 54548

(715) 358-4000