



**Gregorian Chant and More Workshop**  
Featuring Fr. Robert A. Skeris  
Director, Centre for Ward Method Studies  
The Catholic University of America



**November 11-12, 2011** St. Benedict Church Richmond, VA

The Gregorian Chant and More Workshop is a weekend workshop to sing and learn more about Gregorian Chant and Sacred Music. Sessions will alternate singing with lectures. All are welcome, from novices to experienced singers. There will be a special session for select members of the Children's Choir at St. Benedict Church. The workshop will conclude with a Missa Cantata on Saturday, November 12 at the 5:30 PM Mass at St. Benedict Church. All sessions will be held in Saint Anselm Hall at St. Benedict Parochial School located at 300 Grove Avenue Richmond, VA 23221. St. Benedict Church is located at 300 North Sheppard St. Richmond, VA 23221.

**Workshop Schedule**

**Friday, November 11**

**3:30-4:30 Children's Choir Session**

**5:30 Optional Mass at St. Benedict Church**

**6:30-8:00 Session I**

**Saturday, November 12**

**9:00-10:30 Session II**

**11:00-12:30 Session III**

**12:30-2:30 Lunch/Networking**

**2:30-4:00 Session IV**

**4:00-5:00 *Luftpause* followed by sound check in church**

**5:30 Vigil Mass concluding workshop**

The workshop is free for St. Benedict Church members, however you must register. Registration includes lunch on Saturday as well as a copy of the *Liber Cantualis*, the book used for the workshop. For non-St. Benedict Church members, the fee is a modest \$5 to cover lunch expenses. The *Liber Cantualis* will be available for purchase at the workshop.

To register, please email your contact information to [jdorn@saintbenedictparish.org](mailto:jdorn@saintbenedictparish.org) or [ccrafton@saintbenedictschoo.org](mailto:ccrafton@saintbenedictschoo.org). You may also mail your contact information and payment, if applicable, to St. Benedict Church Office, attn: Chant Workshop 206 North Belmont Avenue Richmond, Virginia 23221.

**Fr Robert A. Skeris** (Dr. theol., Rhenish Friedrich-Wilhelms University, Bonn). Ordained Roman Catholic priest 1961, Fr. Skeris was appointed adjunct professor and Director of the Centre for Ward Method Studies in the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music in 2000, and chairman of the Administration Committee of the Dom Mocquereau Fund in 2001. He has published widely on the theology of worship and of its music, hymnology, and Gregorian chant. His book *Chroma Theou* appeared in 1976, *Divini Cultus Studium* in 1990. His articles and reviews have been printed in journals foreign and domestic, in several languages, as well as in scientific *Festschriften*.

Well known as a theology and church music educator, Fr Skeris served as Director of the Hymnology Section in the international Institute for Hymnological and Ethnomusicological Studies at Maria Laach/Germany, and Prefect of the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music at Rome between 1978 and 1990. A founding member of the Church Music Association of America, Fr Skeris was President of the organization from 1996 to 2004, and edits the continuing series *Musicae Sacrae Meletemata* (5 vols. to date). In addition to his duties at The Catholic University of America, he has regularly been invited to lecture and teach master classes and summer courses in Portugal, Hungary and Lithuania.