



After being retired for a little over 2 years, Bob Soeder has recently returned to full time parish ministry as Director of Liturgy and Music at Saint Mary Magdalene Church (Willowick), where he served from 1987 - 1999. Before retiring in 2022, he served for 22 in the same position at St. Monica Church (Garfield Hts.) Bob also served as Music Director at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Gates Mills) and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish (Wickliffe) as well as Associate Organist at a number of parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland.

A member of the American Guild of Organists (AGO), he currently serves as the editor of the chapter monthly e-newsletter and has served at various times on both the AGO and NPM Cleveland Chapter boards. In the 1980's, Bob served as a member and chairperson of both the Cleveland Diocesan Music Committee and Worship Commission and was a founding member of the North Coast Association of Pastoral Ministers (NOCALM).

Throughout the 1990's, he created and produced St. Mary Magdalene's successful Music in the 90's Concert Series. During this time he also presented a number of liturgy workshops on the Diocesan level as well as workshops and retreats through St. Joseph Christian Life Center and Cleveland NPM.

In 2012, Bob teamed up with Mary Hrich who is the current Director of the Office for Worship (Diocese of Cleveland) to launch "Sustaining the Journey." Together they have presented numerous workshops and retreats for parishes across Northeast Ohio (and beyond) and for the Cleveland Chapter of the NPM.

A 1974 graduate of Benedictine High School, Bob holds Pastoral Ministry Certifications from the Diocese of Cleveland and Notre Dame College of Ohio, and has an Associate of Arts Degree from Cuyahoga Community College. He has studied organ and piano with Dr. Margaret Scharf, Crandall Hendershott, Dr. Joseph Howard and Art Brozé - and conducting with Dr. Warren Scharf.

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