



Bob Soeder is in his eighteenth year as Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Monica Church in Garfield Hts., Ohio - and is the former Director of Music at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Willowick, OH where he served for fifteen years. He has also served as Music Director at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Gates Mills) and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish (Wickliffe) and Associate Organist at a number of parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland.

A member of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) and the American Guild of Organists (AGO), he currently serves on both Cleveland Chapter boards.

In the 1980's, Bob served as a member and chairperson of both the 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 presented a number of liturgy workshops on the Diocesan level as well as workshops and retreats through St. Joseph's Christian Life Center and Cleveland NPM.

In 2012, Bob teamed up with Mary Hrich (Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Mary Magdalene Church) to launch "Sustaining the Journey." Together they have presented numerous workshops and retreats for parishes 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. Bob is also a 4th Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do, and currently teaches Kang Do Tai Chi (a self-created art) at the Kang Do Won Marital Arts Institute in Wickliffe OH.

Until she passed away in June 2015, Bob was married for 30 years to Maureen (the love of his life). He currently resides in Wickliffe OH.