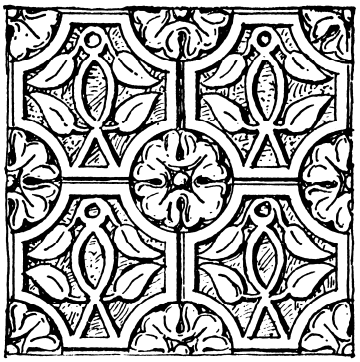

Making the Case for Music In Catholic Schools

- Catholic educational institutions have a special obligation toward music and the Sacred Liturgy. Catholic schools are called to foster the joy of singing and making music, to cultivate the repertoire of sacred music inherited from the past, to engage the creative efforts of contemporary composers and the diverse repertoires of various cultures, and to celebrate the Sacred Liturgy worthily.
  - US Conference of Catholic Bishops; Article 54; from *Sing to the Lord*, 2007

- The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art.
  - Second Vatican Council; Article 112 from the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*

- Catholic schools should regard instruction in music and the arts as an integral part of catechetical formation, providing students with the skills they need to take an active part in the liturgy.
  - US Conference of Catholic Bishops; "Music and the Proclamation of God's Word," 2009

- 95% of Americans in a 2003 Gallup Poll believe that music is a key component in a child's well-rounded education; three quarters of those surveyed feel that schools should mandate music education.
  - Gallup Poll, "American Attitudes Toward Music," 2003

- *"Qui cantat bene, bis orat"* ("He who sings *well*, prays twice")
  - St. Augustine