Bulletin note March 9-10, 2024 – Anthony Moeder, Music Director St. John & Precious Blood

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Dear Parishioners,

We are glad to announce Anthony Moeder as part-time Music Director for St. Johns and Precious Blood parishes beginning June 1, 2024. Anthony requested a delayed start to assist his current parishes through the Easter season. Anthony is a full-time school psychologist for Darke County Educational Service Center.

Anthony will lead our music ministry at the weekend Masses and weddings as well as funerals and weekday Masses when his school schedule permits. He is looking forward to conducting our current choirs, growing our music ministry and becoming a part of our parish family. When asked why he was drawn to this position, Anthony described the importance of family, being able to worship in the same place with his immediate family and immersing themselves in our parish family. When I asked about his daughter joining him in the choir area, he said that may have to wait as sometimes she climbs on him and adds a few extra notes. Anthony also mentioned the reverence and strong faith in our communities. In the words of St. Paul, we look forward to joining with Anthony "singing and playing to the Lord in our hearts." Please welcome Anthony.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Ken Schnipke, C.PP.S., Pastor

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My name is Anthony Moeder and I'm blessed to join the parish family as the Director of Music at Precious Blood and St. John the Baptist. My wife, Emily, and I will be celebrating our 10th anniversary in July. We have 4 children: Annemarie, Josemarie (deceased), Jude Joseph (deceased), and a child due July 20th. Emily and I enjoy being outdoors, hiking, and going on trips to state and national parks. About five years ago, we went on a 20-day cross country road trip, driving over 7,000 miles. We camped in a tent in many national parks out West and up into Canada. It was a wonderful trip where we could truly appreciate God's creation.

We are members of Holy Redeemer parish where we both grew up and currently live. My parents are Gary and Helen Moeder. You may know my grandparents, Lee and Jeanette Moeder, and some other family members who live in Maria Stein. My other grandparents, Joe and Dolores Vian (both deceased), lived in Minster for many years. They owned the Blue Ribbon Feed Mill in Carthagena, where I worked for many years with my uncles and cousins.

I've been playing the piano since I was a child and started learning the organ two years ago. I began substituting at Holy Redeemer about 8 years ago and was a member of the choir for some time. I learned a lot and received much encouragement from Nick Wilker over the years. I've been the Director of Music at Immaculate Conception and St. Lawrence in Botkins since August. My path to becoming a Director of Music has been an interesting one. I'd be happy to share the whole story with you about how music has been one of the threads running through my life that Christ used to help me return and remain close to His Church. Don't hesitate to ask when you meet me in person!

We are looking forward to coming back to our home family of parishes. To the only God, our savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord be glory, majesty, power, and authority from ages past, now, and for ages to come. Amen (Jude 1:25)