



News from the Royal School of Church Music

RSCM MUSIC ADVISER TO LEAD MUSIC IN PAPAL MASS

Frances Novillo, a Regional Music Adviser for the Royal School of Church Music, will take the role of cantor at the Papal Mass in Cofton Park, Birmingham on Sunday 19th September 2010.

The Mass will include the Beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman, and alongside three other cantors from around the country, Frances will lead the congregation singing music throughout the service including Newman's own hymns, *Praise to the Holiest in the Height*, and *Firmly I believe and truly*.

The function of the cantor in Catholic worship is to lead, encourage and sustain the people's singing, and to introduce and teach new music to the congregation. Frances has been a cantor in the Diocese of Westminster for over 10 years, based in the north London parishes of Our Lady, Help of Christians, Kentish Town and Our Lady of Hal, Camden Town. She has previously taken the role of cantor at venues as diverse as Wembley Arena and Westminster Cathedral, but at Cofton Park, the crowd of 65,000 will be the biggest she has ever directed.

Ends

10 September 2010

Notes for Editors

A photograph of Frances Novillo is available from the Picture Gallery of the RSCM website at www.rscm.com/media; please credit "Royal School of Church Music".

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