

### Wedding Music Offers Many Options

"The problem of music has existed since music," Donald Meminger, chairman of the diocesan music commission, member of the organist committee, director of the organist training program, director of music at Sacred Heart Cathedral, and member of the liturgy commission, talked recently of the changes and conflicts in the area of wedding-music.

He said he opposes church mandates governing wedding music and favors music "to turn a couple on."

"A young couple should never be told that they can't do something," even a white list indicating appropriate pieces, if it limited selection, would be negative and intolerable," Meminger said.

Most couples are unaware of the many options available. "Many are surprised to learn there's more than one wedding march. There are literally hundreds of marches!" Meminger continued. Wagner's Wedding March (Here Comes the Bride) is used only 25 to 30 per cent of the time. Mendelssohn's march from Midsummer Night's Dream is now the most popular and is the professional in 80 per cent of the weddings in the diocese.

The music director recommended that couples meet with their church organist a year to six months prior to the wedding. The organist should be familiar with attitudes of church staff and with liturgy — "music is liturgy" and be able to think in terms of prayer and celebration. In the interview with the couple he should learn their preferences, play excerpts, offer alternatives, explain options.

#### Parish

The marriage should take place in the parish of the bride; for a justifying reason it may take place in the groom's parish. Permission must be obtained from the pastor of the bride or groom to be married in another church.

Selecting music is not like selecting a gown. Meminger pointed out. Plans develop gradually, but should be definite at least three months before the wedding so that soloists and performers can practice. "We have to stop this antagonist trend of couples approaching the organist three days before the ceremony saying, 'This is what we want!' Musicians have to practice."

Popular music in church used to disturb Meminger, but he admitted he has changed, "if it's done tastefully and sedately." He expressed reservations about popular music during the canon or eucharistic prayer, however. Again he stressed that couples

should be made aware of the many options here.

Folk masses are acceptable, but a theme is important. Mr. Meminger suggested themes such as "Rejoice" or "Enter." Folk performances should be done well. Meminger said that the many objections to organ and guitar together probably result from poor guitar performances.

Prayerful music before the service and community singing can help to prepare and involve the guest in the ceremony, he suggested.

"Most of all one has to remember that in the past 10 or 11 years Catholics have really changed. It's been great!"



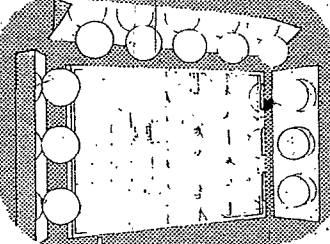
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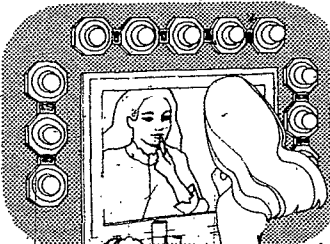


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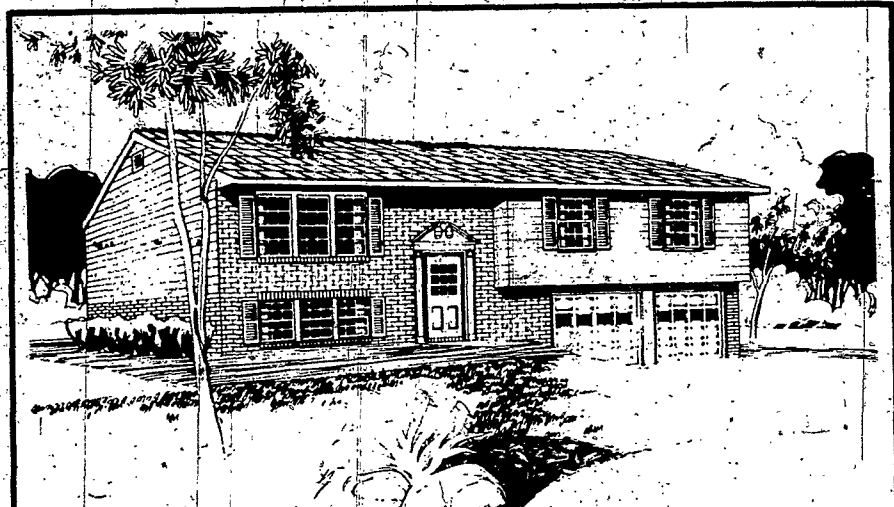
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