

ST. CECILIA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

As of this writing, we are a few days away from the Sunday when the St. Cecilia Choir will sing for the first time at the 10:30 liturgy. The children have been working for many weeks toward earning their chorister medals and white ribbons, which designate that they have reached the first level of achievement in the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) "Voice for Life" curriculum. This small but enthusiastic group of children has been learning, among other things, beginning music theory, vocal technique, church music, and ear training. The "White Level Target" card shows the goals the children must reach in order to earn their white ribbons:



WHITE LEVEL TARGETS

	Date	Initials
Stand and sit well when singing, holding music appropriately		
Sing with focus and concentration in rehearsals, performances and church services		
Follow the conductor, especially at key moments within a piece, such as the start and end		
Match the pitch of a note (within an appropriate range) sung to them or played on the piano		
Sing a five-note scale up and down		
Identify which of two notes is higher or lower		
Sing back a simple one-bar melody within a five-note range		
Clap in time to a familiar song or hymn		
Find their place in a musical score using bar numbers		
Understand common symbols, including repeats, breath markings and pauses		
Identify their vocal line within a score		
Understand the basic dynamic markings (<i>pp</i> , <i>p</i> , <i>mp</i> , <i>mf</i> , <i>f</i> , <i>ff</i> , <i>crescendo</i> and <i>diminuendo</i>)		
Attend choir rehearsals regularly and punctually		
Advise the choir director in advance when they are going to be absent		
Make a positive contribution to the choir		
Other target(s) as specified by the choir director		

I certify that my choir member has achieved all the white level targets and is now entitled to wear the *Voice for Life* white lapel badge.

Choir director's signature:

The children have also been exploring music in liturgy and their role as music ministers. Much of what they are learning goes hand in hand with their journey in Christian Formation. They will be recognized and awarded their medals, white ribbons, white cottas and Voice for Life certificates at the 10:30 liturgy. Our four St. Cecilia choristers are **Tatiana Edmiston, Torrey Edmiston, Lucy Hensley and Tomas Rimer-Surles**. A big thank-you to these children's parents for the wonderful support! As we continue to launch this RSCM choral program, we would love to welcome new members into the St. Cecilia Choir at any time. For more information about RSCM, see www.rscm.com. The program is based in the UK and has branched into the US as "RSCM America" (www.rscmamerica.org). RSCM offers many opportunities for children 10-18 including weeklong summer courses in the US and England, children's choir festivals, resources of fine choral music, and "Voice for Life" curriculum supplies. We are extremely pleased that St. Luke's is now affiliated to this organization.