Sister and Visitor Scholar Presentations


Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Light Breaks Forth,” my text written at the request of Fr. Tobias Colgan, was performed on June 22 with ten different musical settings by Benedictine women and men at the Benedictine Musicians of the Americas biennial meeting, held at St. Meinrad’s Archabbey. At the same meeting, I presented some of my hymn texts on June 23. June 19-25, 1992.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. "Liturgical Ministries keynote talk (20 minutes) to lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, and music ministers at Sacred Heart Parish, Sauk Rapids. October 11, 1992.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. Presented my hymn writing project to Evin Hall (later Studium) participants. December 17, 1992.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. Presentation for Formation Study Day at St. Benedict’s Convent with 12 participants, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. on “Benedictines: Women Shaped by the Liturgy,” “Liturgy of the Hours: Focus on God’s Presence in the Word,” and “Eucharist: Focus on God’s Presence in the Meal.” March 6, 1993.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Evaluating and Choosing Hymn Texts for the Liturgy” (2 fifty-minute sessions) and “Using Gregorian Chant in the Liturgy” (one 50-minute session) at the 16th Annual Summer Liturgical Music Workshop at St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN. June 22-24, 1993.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. Two presentations (70 and 90 minutes) on the scriptural canticles in the Old and New Testament, for the 2nd annual Liturgical Music Institute in Lawrence, KS, led by Lynn Trapp. June 27-July 1, 1993.
Dufner, Delores, OSB. Three days of presentation on Liturgy of the Hours and Eucharist for liturgists and prioresses of six houses of Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri. October 11-13, 1993.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Choosing Appropriate Hymns for the Liturgy” at Jacobs’ Prairie, for 5 parish musicians. November 9, 1993.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. I directed the choir for the 2nd annual World Aids Day Ecumenical Prayer, held at St. John Cantius Church, St. Cloud, with a full crowd. December 1, 1993.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. I led a 50-minute “Reading Session from Sing a New Church” @ the St. John’s 3-day Liturgical Music Workshop, Collegeville, MN. June 12, 1995.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. presentation on “Eucharist as Meal and Sacrifice: Source and Summit of Our Life as Church” to about 20 candidates and sponsors at St. Mary’s Cathedral Rectory, St. Cloud. February 4, 1996.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Receiving and Proclaiming the Word,” presentation for lectors at in-service day on Scripture for Sisters of St. Benedict and Friends. February 24, 1996.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. I taught four one-hour classes on “Gregorian Chant: Our Rich Heritage” for our novices. March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1996.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. I was one of three panelists on “Addressing Inclusivity in Sung Prayer” at Smith Hall in the St. Paul Chancery annex, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Commission on Women. April 27, 1996.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Evaluating and Choosing Hymns for Monastic Liturgy,” given to 41 musicians at the biennial gathering of the Benedictine Musicians of the Americas at St. Scholastica Priory, Duluth, MN. June 22-17, 1996. At the same conference I presented new hymn texts I had written.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. I was one of 5 planners & hosts of the 35th anniversary meeting of the Benedictine Musicians of the Americas held at St. Benedict’s Monastery. On July 5, I presented my new hymn texts. July 1-5, 2001.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Writing Hymn Texts for Liturgical Churches,” break-out session with about 40 participants, at the annual conference of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada @ Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC. July 14-18, 2002.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Spiritual Dimensions of the Ministry of Cantors/Choirs” for liturgical ministers @ the College of St. Benedict, sponsored by Campus Ministry. September 15, 2002.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Features of a Good Text: Hymn Illustrations” and “Lyrics that Sing: Sound and Sense” for a 5-day national workshop on “Creating Congregational Song” sponsored by The Hymn Society @ St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN June 27-July 1, 2003.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. Led Night Prayer with Kevin Hackett for the annual conference of The Hymn Society in Halifax, Nova Scotia @ Dalhousie University, attended by 386 people. August 3-8, 2003.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. Group performer of two chants in “Sounds of Worship in the Abrahamic Traditions,” an interfaith musical program @ Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis, MN. April 17, 2005, 4-6 pm.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. Gave two presentation on “Singing the Faith—and Our Human Experience,” at a liturgical music conference at St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN. June 21-24, 2005.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Two Life-Giving Habits of the Heart,” summer commencement address for St. Joseph’s College, Rensselaer, IN, upon receiving the Fr. Lawrence Heiman Citation, awarded to someone who has made outstanding contributions to church music and/or liturgy. July 29, 2005.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. “With What Language Will We Pray?” presentation on the language of the psalms for the Benedictine Sisters, St. Scholastica Monastery, Duluth, MN. November 12, 2005.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Issues to Keep in Mind for a Revision of Music in Catholic Worship,” my brief oral contribution to the BCL (Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy) subcommittee’s consultation on the revision of Music in Catholic Worship, held in Chicago. October 9, 2006.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. Participated in a pre-concert panel as text author of “Listen,” collaborating with New York composer Eric Ewazen, at St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN. May 6, 2007.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. “A Singing Assembly in the Roman Catholic Church,” keynote for Summer Institute for Liturgy and Worship @ School of Theology and Ministry, Seattle University, Seattle, WA. July 6-11, 2008.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Singing Our Faith, Singing Our Theology,” presentation to interfaith group in Duluth, MN. November 11, 2008.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Singing Our Faith, Singing Our Theology” breakout session @ the 4th annual Diocesan Ministry Day, St. Cloud Civic Center, St. Cloud, MN. August 27, 2009.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Experiments and Lessons Learned from the Renewal Following Vatican II,” sectional with 50-60 participants at the NPM Convention in Detroit, MI. July 13, 2010.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. Led area retreat for Liturgical Ministers @ St. James Parish, Maine, MN. November 13, 2010.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Discovery, Recovery, and Reinterpretation of Music from the Tradition/traditions,” presentation for the Singing Church Project at Emory University, Atlanta, GA. September 30, 2011.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Can We Sing Laments at Sunday Worship, and Why Would We Do Such a Thing?” workshop at The Singing Church Conference, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. March 19-21, 2012.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. Community retreat talks, “Hoping through the Darkness of Anger” and “Hoping through the Darkness of Loss and Grief” @ St. Benedict’s Monastery, St. Joseph, MN. June 7, 2012.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Back to the Future: Return to the Sources” at Community Study Day on Vatican II. August 10, 2012.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. Guest lecturer in Michael Hawn’s Class on 20th-21st Century Hymnwriters @ Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. October 2, 2012.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. (co-planned and) co-led “Planted by Flowing Water,” the opening hymn festival for The Hymn Society’s annual conference @ River Road Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. July 14, 2013, 7:30-9 pm.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. Presented with Fr. Michael Joncas and Susan Briehl at a Liturgical Writing Workshop, St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN. August 2, 2015.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Worship towards Life in Abundance,” plenary lecture @ Valparaiso University’s 68th annual Institute of Liturgical Studies, Valparaiso, IN. April 4-6, 2016.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Toward a New Vision of Abundant Life,” presentation to a national gathering of Friends (Quakers) @ St. Benedict’s Monastery, St. Joseph, MN. July 5, 2016.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. Led a sectional presenting my new hymn collection, Criers of Splendor; also participated in a panel of hymn writers, “Metrical Faith Formation” led by James Hart Brumm, @ Hymn Society annual conference in Redlands, CA. July 17-21, 2016.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. Guest lecturer in Martin Connell’s class on “The Word of God and the Liturgical School” at the School of Theology, St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN. October 25, 2016.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. Gave a 5-minute acceptance speech on receiving the Christus Rex Award @ the annual conference of Valparaiso University’s Institute of Liturgical Studies, Valparaiso, IN. April 26, 2017.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. Participated in a panel on the Hymns for Refugees project @ Hymn Society annual conference at the University of Waterloo in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. July 16-20, 2017.


Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Doing Ritual: Bringing Our Bodies Along,” presentation to monastic community on ritual in LOH, St. Benedict’s Monastery, St. Joseph, MN. November 19, 2019, 6:45-8:00 pm.

Dufner, Delores, OSB. “Doing Ritual: Bringing Our Bodies Along,” presentation on rituals in Eucharist, Spirituality Center Classroom February 19, 2020, 9:00-1:00.


Keenan, Dennis.“Giving Birth to God.” Presented to the Department of Philosophy, College of Saint Benedict / Saint John’s University, Collegeville, Minnesota, March 6, 2008.

Keenan, Dennis. “Evolvability.” Presented to the Department of Biology, College of Saint Benedict / Saint John’s University, Collegeville, Minnesota, March 3, 2008.


Kramer, Dewey, Theresa Schumacher OSB and Josue Behnen OSB. “Remember, O wo/man, that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return: A Lenten meditation on our ‘glorious dust’ guided by the illuminations, words and music of Hildegard of Bingen.” Presented at the Spirituality Center, Saint Benedict’s Monastery, February 9, 2005.


Upton, Julia A. RSM. “Sources of Inspiration: Adé Bethune,” Annual Meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy, NAAL, Houston, TX, DC, USA., January 2016. Also presented at St. John’s University Faculty Research Forum, April 7, 2016.


