

Dear Music Colleagues:

On behalf of the High School Choir Directors, and Bishop Joseph Tyson, I would like to invite you to a wonderful opportunity for professional development! The Catholic High School Choir directors are having an in - service with the incomparable Alice Parker, and we would like to share her with all of you, too! I want to share a portion of Ms. Parker's bio with you, in case you are not familiar with her work:

***Her life-work has been in choral and vocal music, combining composing, conducting and teaching in a creative balance. Her arrangements with Robert Shaw of folksongs, hymns and spirituals form an enduring repertoire for choruses all around the world. She continues composing in many forms, from operas to cantata, sacred anthems to secular dances, song cycles to string quartets. She has been commissioned by such groups as the Vancouver Chamber Chorus, the Atlanta Symphony Chorus and Chanticleer. Her many conducting and teaching engagements keep her traveling around the United States and Canada.***

Alice Parker is undeniably one of the great women of American music! If you are interested in learning more about her before you attend the workshop you can find her at [www.melodiousaccord.org](http://www.melodiousaccord.org) . We would like to offer you a choice of 2 days of in-service on November 9<sup>th</sup> or November 10<sup>th</sup>. The in-service will take place at Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bellevue, Washington, and run from 9am- 3:30pm on each day. This in-service is a gift to all of you from Bishop Tyson and the High School Choir Festival in recognition of the loving work you do with children in the discipline of music. The workshop is open to anyone who prepares music with children for any aspect of school life! Clock hours may be purchased for the in-service and lunch will also be available for purchase on the day of the event.

To register for the Alice Parker In-service please fill out the attached form by October 20<sup>th</sup> and return it to:

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4800 139<sup>th</sup> Ave., SE  
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On behalf of the HS Choir directors and Bishop Tyson, I look forward to seeing you in November!

Alison Seaton

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Seaton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chair, Catholic High School Choir Festival