FIND YOUR GREGORIAN NAME:

Students will learn the history and context of Gregorian chant and discuss the differences between performing chant and praying chant. This will be done through a fun and imaginative activity.

Music Education Standards:

PERFORM: I can rehearse and demonstrate the ability to sing and/or play expressively, on pitch, and in rhythm, while using proper technique and maintaining a steady beat.
PERFORM: I can illustrate how the setting and music elements contribute to the context of the music.
PERFORM: I can demonstrate an understanding of music from aural traditions and through standard and nonstandard notation through performance.

1. Sing a piece of chant that you have been learning (Entrance antiphon, Kyrie, Sanctus, Communion antiphon, etc...). Pay attention to how it sounds.

2. Find your "Gregorian name" from the appropriate graphic on the next page. Imagine that you are a monk/nun and that that is your name.

3. Sing the chant again while "in character".

4. DISCUSS: Did the chant sound different? What made it different? Was it more prayerful? Less prayerful? Discuss the differences. Is that more appropriate to a liturgy? Less appropriate? About the same?

Graphic for Boys:



What is your birth month?

January - Brother Gregorius
February - Friar Ambrosius
March - Dom Josephus
April - Abbot Anselmus
May - Brother Hugo
June - Prior Severinus
July - Brother Hermann
August - Canon Arnulf
September - Hermit Beatus
October - Father Fulgentius
November - Dom Bonifatius
December - Brother Appian

What is your first initial?

A - of the Holy Face
B - the Great
C - the Humble
D - of the Holy Family
E - of the Cross
F - of Arezzo
G - of the Holy Sepulchre
H - of St. Joseph
I - of the Crucifixion
J - of the Desert
K - the Younger
L - the Cripple
M - the Bold
N - of Egypt
O - of Reichenau
P - of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Q - of St. Benedict
R - of Nursia
S - the Elder
T - of the Precious Blood
U - of Jerusalem
V - of the Holy Lands
W - of the Sorrowful Mother
X - of the Five Wounds of Jesus
Y - of the Scourged Jesus
Z - of Paola

Graphic for girls:



What is your birth month?

January - Sister Scholastica
February - Mother Mary Joseph
March - Sister Cecilia
April - Sister Perpetua
May - Sister Philippa
June - Sister Agatha
July - Mother Mary Benedicta
August - Sister Felicity
September - Mother Hildegard
October - Sister Agnes
November - Sister Mary Boniface
December - Sister Philomena

What is your first initial?

A - of the Holy Face
B - of Bingen
C - of the Child Jesus
D - of the Holy Family
E - of the Cross
F - of Thessalonica
G - of the Holy Sepulchre
H - of St. Joseph
I - of the Crucifixion
J - of the Desert
K - the Younger
L - the Cripple
M - the Bold
N - of Egypt
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