

Mr. **Eric J. Bermani**, a native of Swampscott, Massachusetts, was appointed music director for the Diocese of Manchester and Director of Music and Organist at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in September 2008. Mr. Bermani has studied organ with D. Michel Michaud, James David Christie, Rosalind Mohnsen and Jill Nennmann. He received his BM in organ performance from the Boston Conservatory of Music, the MA in Church Music and Liturgy at Saint Joseph College, Rensselaer, IN and began working towards a ThD in liturgical praxis and church music at BU School of Theology. As an organ recitalist he has played throughout the New England region in addition to Canada, Ireland and Scotland. He has accompanied various collegiate and church choirs on several tours throughout continental Europe and Ireland. Mr. Bermani is the principal organist for the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, oversees the Cathedral's cantor ministry and is conductor of the Cathedral's parish Choir, Schola, Chamber Singers and Diocesan Festival Chorus. In collaboration with the Cantors of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, he founded the professional choir *Ensemble Ex-Cathedra*. In addition to his duties at the Cathedral and Diocese, Mr. Bermani is on the organ faculty of the Portsmouth based *Young Organist Collaborative* and began a position as Adjunct Professor of Organ at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, in the fall of 2015.