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Dear Pastor:

Approximately 350 St. Matthew's parishioners enjoyed a memorable afternoon when Donna Cori Gibson performed a concert during Lent to benefit two male high school students in our parish that are suffering from serious illnesses. Donna not only packed the church, but also filled it with beautiful music that brought immense pleasure to all who attended.

Her music is faith-filled and very appropriate for a church setting. The majority of her songs are Catholic prayers, some of which are her own musical compositions. The Rosary will never be the same after hearing Donna's beautiful voice sing the Sorrowful Mysteries. It was a perfect offering to a Lenten spiritual journey.

This was our first attempt at sponsoring an event of this sort. However, Donna made it easy and affordable. Her fee was reasonable and the sound system requirements were minimal. She supplied us with a nice flyer that we were able to reproduce. Since Donna's fee and the cost to rent the necessary sound equipment were covered by donations from several parishioners, the "love offering" collected for our two students was all profit. I might add both boys' families were extremely grateful to share in the \$2,800 collected during the concert.

Best of all, Donna introduced her music by singing at all Masses during the weekend. This created interest and excitement about the event. Additionally, we had volunteers on hand to sell Donna's CD's and cassette tapes after each Mass and at the end of the concert. It was all done professionally with a sense of the location in which the event was taking place. In fact, that was Donna's greatest asset – the reverence and respect she always displayed to the facilities.

I would highly recommend Donna for a special concert or event in your parish. Not only is it a wonderful way to raise some money, but it is also a unique gift to your parish community – a beautiful and spiritual experience.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation or the organization of the event, please feel free to call me.

Yours in Christ,

Victor E. Langhans  
Pastor