

TESTIMONIALS

A Letter From John Bryan, Music Director for Saint Paul the Apostle Church in Westerville, Ohio

After interviewing five major organ builders and hearing their instruments, the Muller Pipe Organ Company was chosen to create a pipe organ for the newly built Saint Paul the Apostle Church in Westerville, Ohio. As the largest church in the Columbus Catholic Diocese, not only would this instrument serve parish liturgy, but diocesan liturgy as well. Since its dedication in 2014, the Saint Paul Muller Pipe Organ has brilliantly performed its tasks to support assembly singing and enhance worship.

As for the creation of a pipe organ for Saint Paul Church, it did not come without its challenges. The church structure itself created numerous issues. The Muller Pipe Organ Company met each difficulty as professionals. With imagination and creativity, each problem was met with a successful solution.

I believe the dream of every organist is to be involved in the creation of a new instrument. If finding oneself in such a position, the organist should consider how the organ builder would react to the organist's dream. Will the organ builder set aside the organist's dream and exclusively pursue the personal aesthetic outlined by the organ company's philosophy? Or will the organ builder make serious attempts to understand and incorporate the organist's ideas? John Muller seriously listens to his clients.

That said, the Muller Pipe Organ Company was chosen because their tonal aesthetic is associated with the American Classic Organ Design Movement. As such, we knew well enough not to request Muller Pipe Organ to compromise a Tonal Design they have perfected. Muller Pipe Organ Company has made good on the American Classic Design claim that "a single instrument can convincingly render music of differing genres." Any organist may easily verify this claim by visiting and playing the Saint Paul Muller Pipe Organ.

To that end, I invite the members of any church considering the Muller Pipe Organ Company for their organ project to visit Saint Paul the Apostle Church in Westerville, Ohio. Before hearing the instrument, I assure that you will be awe-struck by the design of the rail and main cases and how they thoroughly enhance the beauty of the church. Finally, the sound of the organ will complete the experience that the designer of every worship space attempts to create for its congregants – the experience that this indeed is a place "where heaven and earth meet."