

Installation Reflection  
Organ Committee Co-Chair  
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Beginning February 2006, without packing a bag, research, or study I was on an adventure like none other. St. Ann's Church had given permission to begin the process of acquiring a new organ for the music ministry. Personally, I assumed we would plan, gather donations and install years down the road. After receiving permission from Church authorities and gathering several fellow interested parishioners we made plans to see this project to completion. Within the blink of an eye, the adventure accelerated. A few weeks later we were ready to sign a contract. This was fund raising like none of us had experienced. I was totally unaware of how much fun was yet to come.

Experts from Church Organ Associates arrived to give us their expert opinion. Like Christmas, several months of anticipation brought the excitement to a head. When the phone call came telling us that the organ was ready for delivery, we felt fortunate beyond words. With nerves a-twitter we received the organ, speakers and pipes. Technicians, that I feel have become friends, arrived to remove all the old equipment and begin installation. They answered every curious question with grace and style. Afterwards, the masters of voice arrived and did the same, while breathing sound into the new instrument.

It has been a wondrous experience that keeps giving and giving. Only a few months have gone by and the glorious sounds keep us feeling blessed. The music ministry at St. Ann's is forever grateful because of our association with such knowledgeable and caring musicians: Dale, Burton, Reggie, and Tom. To quote our pastor, Msgr. Larry Droll when he heard the organ for the first time, "Glory to God."

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