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I was born and baptised in Catholic and a still love catholic as my church. I never joined PMC neither Youths group. I seriously started learning Catholic faith while in school. I joined Catholic club choir while I was in class three.

Reaching class I joined Church choir, so this took all my attention and commitment I never concentrated on any other club in the church but singing.

After compilation of my school, I came to Nairobi where I still had the passion in singing. Joined St Cecilia choir as a member.

I sand for almost five years as a member till in 2014 when I joined music class. I started learning techniques from one of our choirmaster who was willing to teach those who were interested in music.

We joined the class quite a good number but few managed to complete the lessons. The passion and my commitment towards music drove me till I achieved my goal of being a choirmaster. It never took me too long because of the passion and self-driven motive I had towards music

I stared teaching my own choir of St Cecilia and they really encourage me and congratulated me for being a good teacher. Practise makes perfect, I never took anything for granted, I use to practice everything that I was taught while in class and this helped me in perfecting my music talent.

Currently I am not in any (Jumuia) SCC because of choir commitments. Every evening when the SCCs are meeting is the time I am committed to teaching different choirs. We have 6 choirs and at least every evening I have a practice with either of the choirs. But back at home I am in one SCC called St. Austine and I am also a choir member and a choir teacher of St Teresa Malava.

I have been Music Director at the Parish level and I served for one term. Music has really sharpened my leadership skills.



Being a music teacher improved my social life, spiritual and even mental balancing. Because music is medicine and when you sing we reveal our selves and singing makes us strong.

Through singing the walls of Jericho fell down, music cast demons. So I can testify that music is a powerful weapon. Please don't forget, music is a force of attraction. Many people come to church and convert through music. Thus why singers we are the fast preaches and we should be descent in action and in words.

Above all, a good musician is a prayerful person. Ask God to guide us and to give us strength to use our music talent to serve Him and others.

All voices praises God, every one can sing and every one can teach music as long as the music force is driving you to.

Music has power to make one move, strengthen, reenergize and bestow the spirit of the Lord. We all praise God through singing. Lets all praise God, Because if we don't then the trees and mountains will sing.

CHALLENGES

1. Time management-:

We only have one day of practice, and most choir members arrive late to the practices hence dragging us behind since I have to make sure everyone is familiar with the song.

2. Absenteeism in the choir-:

During practices you may find it difficult teaching new members everyday because today you teach a different team, next day another team because of absenteeism. So you find it difficult dealing with different people everyday and you find it hard repeating the same thing.

3. Uniform-:

Uniformity is another challenge because as choir members we need to be different from ordinary church members, but some times you find some choir members are in civilian which is disappointing.

Message to the world

Work for the Lord while you still have energy and time. The journey is long and always curved, many potholes and never straight. Above all, God will guide you and you will succeed.