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Stephen J. Schnurr, Jr. is the Director of Music for the Saint Paul Catholic Church in Valparaiso, Indiana. Schnurr's background is in music. He holds four degrees in the musical arts: Master of Music, Master of Musical Arts, and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music/School of Music, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and Latin from Duke University.

In addition to his role as music director, Schnurr has performed in various roles for the Organ Historical Society. One of these roles was serving as part of the convention committee for the Central Indiana OHS Convention in 2007. As part of this role, Schnurr researched pipe organs of Central Indiana and published his research as an atlas-*Organ Historical Society Organ Atlas 2007: Central Indiana Region*.

The **Organ Historical Society** began in 1956 with the goal of creating a comprehensive list with specifications and descriptions of American organs, and share that information with organ scholars. The mission of the society is as follows, "*The Organ Historical Society celebrates, preserves, and studies the pipe organ in America in all its historic styles, through research, education, advocacy, and music.*" The society has worked towards this mission with ventures such as their online database of pipe organs, a historic organ citation program, a pipe organ focused library and archives, an annual convention, and multiple publications.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is composed of the research papers of Stephen J. Schnurr, Jr. for his book, *Organ Historical Society Organ Atlas 2007: Central Indiana Region*. The collection consists primarily of photocopies of contracts, articles, recital programs, and church brochures related to multiple organizations in Indiana that own or have owned pipe organs.

The Indiana pipe organs covered in the materials in this collection are from the following cities in Indiana: Bloomington, Brownsburg, Columbus, Crawfordsville, Evansville, Frankfort, Greencastle, Indianapolis, Lagro, Logansport, Marion, Pershing, Peru, Plainfield, Richmond, and Rushville.

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