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Des Moines Choral Society performs at St. Ambrose Cathedral in celebration of diocese's 100th anniversary

In celebration of the Diocese of Des Moines' 100th anniversary, the Des Moines Choral Society will perform "Ein Deutsches Requiem" by Johannes Brahms under the direction of Dr. James Rodde on Saturday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. St. Ambrose Cathedral, 601 High St. in Des Moines.

The cathedral was selected as the site of the performance to help celebrate the diocese's centennial year, said Dr. Rodde.

The Brahms' selection was made because it complements the choir's variety in programming over the years, which includes large choral masterworks. "In addition, the choir will perform the Requiem at the American Guild of Organists regional convention June 23, an event that will greatly expand and enhance the Des Moines Choral Society's reputation as one of the region's leading choral ensembles," said Dr. Rodde. "Plus, 'Ein Duetsches Requiem' is a fabulous piece to sing and experience."

The Des Moines Choral Society is an auditioned volunteer group of singers brought together by a unified passion for excellence in choral music. The choir has about 70 gifted and accomplished singers from throughout central Iowa and has been recognized by the Iowa Arts Council for its exceptional concert performances.

Tickets are \$20 for preferred seating, \$15 for regular seating and \$7 for student/child seating. Tickets can be obtained through www.dmchoral.org.

*The Diocese of Des Moines is comprised of 83 parishes in 23 counties of
central and southwest Iowa.*