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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Question received on 5 May 2021:

What is the Choral Edition for Brébeuf Hymnal? Does the Choral Edition only have SATB? Are the parts separated or together?

The Brébeuf Hymnal does not have “choral edition.”

You need the ***Brébeuf Choral Supplement*** (1,192 pages).

Dimensions of the Choral Supplement: 7.44 x 9.69

Hardcover Book, Smyth-Sewn: 1,192 pages.

The Choral Supplement must be used in conjunction with the pew edition. The dictionary defines “supplement” as: *something that completes or enhances something else when added to it*. The Soprano section never needs the Choral Supplement. (Some sopranos prefer it, though, because every single verse is written out, something never done before by any Catholic hymnal.) The Choral Supplement should be used whenever the choirmaster decides SATB harmonies should be added. The SATB parts match the organ accompaniments.

For obvious reasons:

- * UNISON PIECES are not included in the Choral Supplement.
- * TEXT ONLY “switchable” texts are not included in the Choral Supplement.
- * The historical translations are not included in the Choral Supplement.
- * Theological explanations, color plates, Stations of the Cross, and literal translations are not included in the Choral Supplement.

For the first time in history, every single verse is written out in the Brébeuf Choral Supplement. See pictures of this book here:

<https://www.cwatershed.org/2020/01/28/photos-brebeuf-choral-supplement-hymnal/>