



Father Michael Magiera, Tenor, in his 40th year as a professional musician, began his career with Michael Korn and The Philadelphia Singers in 1976. He has been a featured soloist with the Philadelphia Singers, The Philadelphia Orchestra, The Opera Company of Philadelphia, The Boston Opera, The Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra, The Pennsylvania Pro Musica, The Pennsylvania Opera Theater, The Baltimore Symphony, The Delaware Symphony, The Lincoln Symphony, The San Diego Opera, The Chautauqua Opera, The Pennsylvania Pro Musica and the Lansdowne Symphony.

A native Philadelphian and a graduate of Millersville University and Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts, Father Magiera was a European finalist in the International Luciano Pavarotti Competition. He has performed many leading operatic and operetta roles throughout Germany and Switzerland. His leading-role repertoire includes Rigoletto, La Traviata, Acis and Galatea, Julius Caesar, Count Ory, Madama Butterfly, Pelléas et Mélisande, Il Barbiere de Siviglia, La Cenerentola, Albert Herring, Die Entführung aus dem Serail, Die Zauberflöte, Così fan Tutte, Il Tabarro, Gianni Schicchi, Boulevard Solitude, La Fille du Régiment, La Belle Hélène, Der Waffenschmied, Der Wildschutz, Fra Diavolo, Der Bettelstudent, Der Vetter aus Dingsda, Maske in Blau, Der Opernball, Eine Nacht in Venedig, Die Fledermaus, and many other works.

Father Magiera is equally at home on the concert stage. His solo performances include Händel's Messiah, Bach's Mass in b minor, Händel's Wedding Anthem for the Prince of Wales, Bach's St. Matthew and St. John Passion Evangelist, Mendelssohn's Elijah, Britten's Les Illuminations, Orff's Carmina Burana and Der Mond, Haydn's The Creation, Stainer's The Crucifixion, the Stabat Mater of Rossini and Haydn, and the Berlioz Requiem.

In 1998, he entered Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, the house of study and formation for The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, aspiring to the Roman Catholic priesthood, a vocation dream he has had from the age of seven. Deo Gratias, he was ordained to the sacred priesthood 21 May 2005 in Omaha's St. Cecilia Cathedral. He is presently serving as Chaplain for St. John the Baptist Latin Mass Community in North Little Rock, Arkansas.