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The College of Catholic Church Music and Musical Education in Regensburg (HfKM) is an internationally leading educational institution for church music. Its 170 students currently come from 12 countries around the world.

The focus of the College has always been an artistic as well as a pedagogical orientation towards education, in which church music students are also prepared for their liturgical and pastoral responsibilities in the changing structures of deaneries and parishes. Based on the great significance of the liturgy for the life of the church, it is obvious how necessary it is to develop church musicians and music educators who are not only prepared for their occupations in the artistic and pedagogical sense, but also with regard to their entire lives. The close connection between study and life at the College of Catholic Church Music and Musical Education in Regensburg (HfKM) offers the best conditions for such preparation, in addition to the educational opportunities at large state colleges and universities.

When the HfKM College was established, it adhered to the standards that also apply to other music colleges. With regard to the College's competitiveness, we wanted to strive toward parity, not uniformity. Central criteria include the respective state regulations, as well as the requirements cited in the regulatory statutes of the Apostolic Constitution *Sapientia Christiana* (Art. 45 ib Ord) and the applicable regulations of the Bavarian State Ministry for Sciences, Research and Arts. The College's structure and its relation to its church trustees are established in its constitution and in the study and examination regulations, which also follow the requirements set by the Apostolic Constitution.