

ROSEMARY COSBY

Born and raised in Erie, Pa. Began singing at the age of 8 at **Shiloh Baptist Church in Erie**.

In response to a challenge presented to the congregation at church one Sunday, I asked the pastor to pay for my music lessons; in return, I would play the organ for the church. **Interim Pastor Lee A. Butler** paid for the lessons (I studied for about a year and a half). In the meantime, I encountered **Elder Richard L. Hairston, Sr.** . Elder Hairston prayed for me at church- **Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.)** one night, and I began going to the church and locking myself in and teaching myself songs by picking them out-one note at a time.

As I began to grasp and play, God sent opportunities to accompany and direct choirs and singers at several local churches, including my home church, **Greater Calvary Full Gospel Baptist Church, Bishop Jess N. Gavin, Pastor**. I started an a capela ensemble called **Unity** at age 20; sang with the **Dynamic Tones Trio** as a pre-teen and teenager for several years; was a founding member and musician for the **Holy Trinity (H.T.) Ensemble of Holy Trinity C.O.G.I.C**; founding member and organist for the **Ladies of the Gospel Ensemble**; founding member, director and musician for the **Greater Erie Community Choir**. I picked up very valuable experience as a member of the **Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA)- Columbus, Ohio Chapter**. I studied music at **Edinboro University**.

In the **Church of God in Christ** I served as the District Minister of Music and Assistant State Choir Director and the **Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship** as Erie District Minister of Music.

Community-wise I later served as the director and organist for the **Interdenominational Revival Choir of Erie**, which later became the **Revival Choir of Erie**, and then **The Martin Luther King Community Choir (M.L.K.)**, which is still very active currently. Every now and then I get involved with live theater as musical director and sometimes on stage as actress in productions: **Road to Jericho, Which Way to Heaven, Devil's Court Trial #666** and **Sister Betty, God Is Calling You**.

Rosey Cosby is an ordained minister of the gospel serving as a Bible teacher, prison outreach evangelist, gospel music workshop clinician and facilitator in Pennsylvania and other areas in the United States and abroad.