



36th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PUERI CANTORES

**December 28, 2010 –
January 1, 2011**

**St. Peter's Basilica
The Vatican**



“You have an important mission for helping the people of God to pray with dignity, because sacred music is a ministerial office in divine service. Remember always that because “the Church prays, sings and acts, the faith of the participants is nourished, the souls are raised up to God to give Him spiritual homage and to receive His grace with more abundance.”

~POPE BENEDICT XVI, IN AN ADDRESS TO PUERI CANTORES INTERNATIONAL

Come and celebrate New Year's Day, 2011, as Pueri Cantores choirs sing a special Mass at historic St. Peter's Basilica! Thousands of young singers from throughout the world will join together with His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to sing the peace of God.

This gathering of student choirs will take place from December 28th, 2010 – January 1st, 2011 and will include visits to the historic sites in the Vatican, Rome and surrounding Italian countryside. Families, friends and clergy are cordially invited to join the singers for this *36th International Congress of Pueri Cantores*.

For further information about this extraordinary event, customized tours, and registration, please contact Music Celebrations International at www.musiccelebrations.com or call (800) 395.2036.



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Rome, Italy

Congress Tour Itinerary (6 nights/8 days)

Sunday, December 26th, 2010

Depart from the USA via scheduled air service, including full meal, beverage service and in-flight entertainment. The destination is Rome, Italy.

Monday, December 27th Rome

Arrive in Rome. Travel to the hotel via panoramic tour of Rome's highlights, stopping at such sites as Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain, and Spanish Steps. Evening Welcome Dinner (in individual accommodations).

Rome - Popes, Vandals, the Borgias and Napoleon, Garibaldi, Michelangelo and Mussolini and, of course, the ancient Romans themselves all have left their physical and spiritual mark on Rome, but though she keeps the glory of an ancient day about her, she remains a wellspring of creative energy; she really is the Eternal City.

Tuesday, December 28th Rome

Take a half-day guided tour of Religious Rome. Visit Vatican City, the home of the Pope and the center of Roman Catholicism, as well as the Vatican Museum (using the whisper system), St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel (featuring Michelangelo's Ceiling Frescos and The Last Judgment).

6:00pm Opening Ceremonies in Sala Nervi

Wednesday, December 29th Rome

Morning Mass or Liturgy by Nations (to take place in several churches in Rome)

6:00pm Participation in Star Concerts (to take place in parish churches)

Thursday, December 30th Rome

Morning rehearsal for the closing Mass in Sala Nervi

Possible audience with the Holy Father
Rehearsal for choirs singing in the Christmas concert

Afternoon Prayer for Peace service in St. Peter's Basilica

Rehearsal for the Gala Concert

Gala Concert (The Mysteries of the Rosary) in Sta. Maria Maggiore

Friday December 31st Rome

Half-day guided tour of Imperial Rome, including entrance to the Roman Forum and Colosseum. Also view the Pantheon, Baths of Caracalla and Palatine Hill

Evening Christmas Concert in Sala Nervi

New Year's Eve Dinner in a local restaurant

Saturday, January 1st, 2011 Rome

Sing in morning Pontifical Mass in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican

Afternoon visit to Basilica di San Giovanni in Laterno and Basilica di San Paolo fuori le Mura. Basilica di San Giovanni in Laterno (St. John in Lateran) is the Cathedral of Rome, the mother of all churches in Rome and in the world.

Farewell Dinner

Sunday, January 2nd Depart for home

Transfer to Rome's International Airport for return flight to USA.

The American Federation Pueri Cantores is pleased to announce an association with Music Celebrations International(MCI) to coordinate events and organize the 35th International Congress of Pueri Cantores.

MCI handles thousands of young musicians annually. AFPC shares MCI's commitment to the safety of our children and all participants and appreciates MCI's long experience in dealing with security issues.

Additional itineraries are available including tours to locations such as Florence, Venice, Pisa, Assisi, Pompeii and Naples.

For more information regarding these tours, visit MCI at www.musiccelebrations.com.

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