



THE AMERICAN FEDERATION PUERI CANTORES

*Bringing together youth choirs throughout the
United States to sing the peace of God*

Dear Friends,

The setting for the **36th International Congress of Pueri Cantores** will be Rome, Italy, the Eternal City; a grand festival, calling choirs of Catholic youth and children from around the globe and concluding with a **Papal Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on New Year's Day, 2011.**

This international gathering of young singers will begin on December 28th, 2010, attracting scores of fine choirs from many nations and unveiling treasures of inestimable value to all who participate. No one will walk away without a share of that treasure which is offered to young singers everywhere, joining together to sing the peace of God.

Once again, American Federation Pueri Cantores has chosen **Music Celebrations International (MCI)**, America's premier concert tour organizer, to be the Official Travel Provider for this momentous event.

We *strongly* recommend using MCI's services for the following reasons:

- (1) Organization for all events for American Choirs, such as the Gala New Year's Eve dinner and celebration, will be coordinated through MCI.
- (2) MCI is the only agency designated by our National Board of Directors for reasons of ensuring security for travelers, clear communication and efficient coordination. This designation is the key to a meticulously planned tour and will work well for all choirs who honor it.
- (3) MCI has national contracts with airlines and Italian motorcoach companies to provide safe, experienced, and competitive transportation throughout.
- (4) MCI Tour Managers in Italy, are experienced, multi-lingual, and handle hundreds of groups of young performers annually. They make the Italian experience both educational and exciting, receiving very high ratings for their professionalism, their knowledge, their ability to negotiate events and traffic during one of the busiest times of year in Rome.
- (5) MCI's \$2M liability insurance umbrella and individual travel insurance coverage protects AFPC and individual groups traveling with MCI. This invaluable insurance coverage is included in the MCI package.
- (6) MCI is willing to send a representative to meetings with singers and their parents to answer all questions and make an in-person presentation about the Congress.
- (7) MCI has reserved large room blocks at religious housing and hotels near the Vatican which are convenient to other events and sightseeing at the most competitive rates, including full American breakfast daily.

As always, MCI will do its utmost to coordinate with any other agencies providing travel to AFPC singers. However, we have learned from many years of experience with these events that multiple providers will entail multiple sets of arrangements with different expectations and different provisions. No one wants this confusion when traveling internationally with their choir.

For further information on the Congress and how to participate, I urge you to contact Music Celebrations International.

"You have an important mission for helping the people of God to pray...."

~Pope Benedict XVI, in an address to Pueri Cantores

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