2027 COLUMBUS PUERI CANTORES

YOUTH CHORAL FESTIVAL & MASS

for Treble Choirs (grades 4-12)

Friday, March 19, 2027

10:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral and Holy Cross Church

212 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, Celebrant
James Kennerley, Guest Conductor

8 Professional Development Credits are available for school music teachers & MP3 rehearsal tracks of the Festival repertoire will be available for participating choirs

ABOUT THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Pueri Cantores, the national student choral organization of the Catholic Church, and the **Diocese of Columbus**, invite parish and school treble choirs (grades 4–12) to participate in this annual **Choral Festival & Mass**.

This inspiring one-day event **brings together hundreds of young singers from across the region to form one unified choir, offering a powerful witness to the beauty of sacred music in the liturgy.** Throughout the day, singers rehearse, pray, and grow together before culminating in a Festival Mass, where they lead the assembly in prayer through song and experience the joy of singing as one Church.

Whether your choir is newly established or well-seasoned, the Pueri Cantores Festival complements your parish or school music and faith formation programs by providing students with a **transformative experience that deepens their faith, strengthens their musicianship, and builds lasting friendships.** As they sing alongside hundreds of their peers, students experience the richness of the Church's musical heritage while discovering the joy of belonging to the larger Catholic community.

New to Pueri Cantores? Watch this introductory video to learn more about the festival experience and how to prepare your choir. Be sure to review our Festival FAQs for important information about music preparation, attire, rehearsal tracks, purchasing music, and other helpful resources.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

10:00 ..... Registration
10:30 ..... Choir Warm-up
10:45 ..... Choir Placement
11:00 ..... First Rehearsal
12:00 ..... Lunch
Individual choirs rehearse for Choral Prelude at this time.
12:45 ..... Second Rehearsal
1:45 ..... Break /Snacks
2:00 ..... Final Rehearsal
3:00 ..... Final Break
3:30 ..... Choral Prelude begins
4:00 ..... Festival Mass begins

Friends and family members are cordially invited to attend the Festival Mass.

MEET THE CONDUCTOR

JAMES KENNERLEY is Director of Music and the Arts at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Previously he was Director of Music and Master of the Choristers at St. Paul's Church and Choir School in Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA, where he directed the choir of boy choristers and professional men in daily masses and performances, regular concert tours, recordings, and broadcasts. An internationally known organist, vocalist, music director, and composer, Mr. Kennerley is rooted in the English choir school tradition and holds degrees from Cambridge University and The Juilliard School. Additionally, he has provided professional leadership as Dean of the New York City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and as Director of the New Jersey State Children's Chorus.

The American Federation Pueri Cantores

2027 Columbus Festival Repertoire

for Treble Choirs (SA) Grades 4-8 & Grades 4-12

CHORAL PRELUDE

A. Choral works sung by individual choirs (*optional – limited to 5 choirs*)
B. Choral works ***sung by ALL choirs***

*Blessed Be St. Joseph — A Nun of the *Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles*

*O Blessed St. Joseph Hymn (19th c. German hymn tune) *sung in unison*

How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place — Kenneth Kosche
MorningStar Music Publishers #50-6302

INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Entrance Hymn: Joseph, Be Our Guide and Pattern — Tune: LAUDA ANIMA
*Kyrie: (Mass XI "Orbis Factor") — Gregorian chant
*Gloria: Congregational Mass — John Lee
Performance Instruction: Choirs are to prepare the entire Gloria – assembly will sing part II only. — GIA Publications

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm: — (Antiphon will be found in the Order of Worship)
* Lenten Gospel Acclamation:
Performance Instruction: 1. Response – unison choir 2. Response – choir/ALL — Richard Proulx
3. Verse (sung by cantor) 4. Response - soprano-descant, alto-melody — GIA Publications

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts Motet:
Justice Shall Grow and Flourish — Richard Proulx
Pueri Cantores Choral Series (GIA Publications. 009608)
*Sanctus: (Mass XVIII) — Gregorian chant
*Memorial Acclamation: (*Mortem Tuam*) / Amen: (Unison chant, organ) — ICEL
*Lord's Prayer/Doxology: Chant
*Agnus Dei (Mass XI "Orbis Factor") — Gregorian chant
Performance Instruction: Choirs Directors are asked to dedicate extra rehearsal time to the Agnus Dei.
Communion Procession
*1. Communio (Proper-English Chant) — Adam Bartlett
Performance Instruction: Choirs are to prepare <u>and</u> <u>memorize</u> the antiphon. — Source & Summit
Cantor will chant the verses.
2. Post-Communion motet: Panis Angelicus — César Franck
Pueri Cantores Choral Series (GIA Publications, 009609)

CONCLUDING RITE

Choral Recessional: Te Deum — Michael Bedford
Choristers Guild (CGA-1127)

*** Indicates free downloadable music from pcchoirs.org**

With the mention of your AFPC affiliation, the published song titles (few exceptions), when purchased through Loser's Music at losers@lmf.net, will be discounted 25% off the original price. *As a matter of justice to composers, arrangers and publishers, please plan to order an adequate number of music copies and refrain from distributing photocopied scores of those works under copyright protection.*

NOTE: The William H. Hannon Scholarship Fund is available for choirs in need of financial assistance to purchase music for Festival participation. Letters should be submitted to: AFPC, 1188 N. Tustin St., Orange, CA 92867.

Make Pueri Cantores a highlight of your choir year—a powerful day of sacred music, faith, and fellowship!

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>>> CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE <<<

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: February 19, 2027

OR MAIL CHECK & MATERIALS TO:
American Federation Pueri Cantores 1188 N. Tustin St., Orange, CA 92867

Upon receipt, AFPC will send each registered choir director a welcome packet containing a sample repertoire music packet and important information needed to participate in this year's Festival.

FESTIVAL REGISTRATION APPLICATION

COMBINED ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP/FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FEE: $150/choir
and PARTICIPANT FEES: $25/singer

Participant fees include medallions, snacks & other festival expenses. (No cost for conductors & chaperones)

PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING THEIR OWN BAG LUNCHES

Financial assistance is available through the William H. Hannon Scholarship Fund. Please contact the AFPC office for more information.

Total Number of Participants (Conductors, Singers & Chaperones) _____ (1 chaperone per 10 singers requested)

# of singers: _____ # Sopranos: _____ # Altos: _____

Choir Name (as it should appear in program): _____

Choir Director/s (as it should appear in program): _____

Parish/School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Diocese: _____ ☐ New Choir ☐ Returning Choir

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PRELUDE INFORMATION (optional)

☐ My choir would like to sing a piece in the individual prelude portion of the festival (before the combined prelude pieces)

Choral Selection: _____

Composer: _____

Tempo: _____ Duration: _____ Key: _____ ☐ Major or ☐ Minor

Will you be requiring the services of an accompanist? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ A CAPPELLA

*The first five choirs to submit this application form and a print copy of their 2-4 minute music selection will be accepted to sing.

Required Forms

LIABILITY/MEDIA RELEASE FORM

Downloadable at https://www.pcchoirs.org/liabilityreleaseform

Forms must be completed for all singers and signed by parent or legal guardian.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Choir directors and chaperones must provide a copy of their child protection certificate of completion. Click HERE to read AFPC's Child Protection Policy.

Choir Directors must submit to the AFPC office the Liability/Media Release Forms and Child Protection Certificates no later than one month prior to the Festival date. Mail: 1188 N. Tustin St., Orange, CA 92867 or email info@pcchoirs.org

Official Festival Choir Participant Cancellation & Refund Policy

QUESTIONS? Contact the AFPC office at 714.633.7554 or visit our website at www.pcchoirs.org