



# THE AMERICAN FEDERATION PUERI CANTORES

*Bringing together youth choirs throughout  
America to sing the Peace of God*

## ***American Federation of Pueri Cantores and the Protection of Children***

As a Catholic organization dedicated to the formation and education of school aged choirs, AFPC is committed to the safety and protection of all children within our organization and to ensuring a safe environment for all.

To achieve this, AFPC adheres to the policies and procedures currently laid down in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (“the Charter”) as revised and issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2018.

Specific attention is drawn to those provisions relating to the reporting of incidents or allegations of abuse or misbehavior by an adult. In addition, AFPC strongly encourages all adult personnel whose duties include contact with minors, whether paid or volunteer, to have undergone the necessary background checks, undertaken safe environment training (such as Virtus or Keeping the Promise Alive) and to be fully compliant with the provisions of the Charter.

All choirs seeking to attend or participate in AFPC events, whether local, regional or international, are expected to adhere to and comply with the Charter as well as those required policies and procedures required by their local diocese. Each choir or their sponsoring parish, school, or diocese is solely responsible for fulfilling this requirement.

Choir directors and chaperones participating in any AFPC event must submit to the AFPC office a copy of their child protection certificate of completion at least one month prior to the event date. Certificates can be emailed to [info@pcchoirs.org](mailto:info@pcchoirs.org) or mailed to the AFPC office at 1188 N. Tustin St., Orange, CA 92867.

For more information please see: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/charter.cfm>