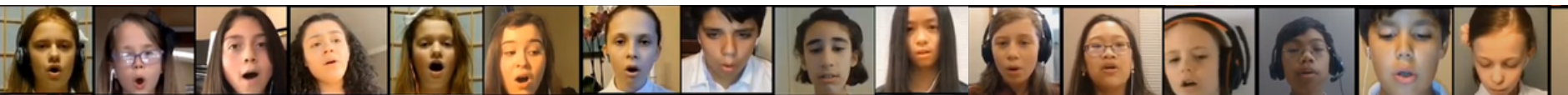




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"Since the beginning of the pandemic, I haven't been able to meet and see in-person my 2nd and 3rd generation Go On Divine Faith Choir - GOD Faith Choir, composed of children from 6 years old to teens from St. Philomena Parish in Carson, CA.

When I learned about Zoom, I immediately set up an account for our Youth Music Ministry and started meeting with them virtually every Saturday for 2 hours. I saw in their faces how excited they were to see their choir friends, even if just in front of their computers. I also felt the love and support of all the parents who are always supporting us in our effort to "Keep The Faith Alive" by giving singers the opportunity to continue to develop

their spirituality, their personal relationship with our Lord Jesus, and to bring back their gift of singing even in this virtual world we are all adjusting to.

With the help of volunteer parents and friends, we were able to plan a few choir projects and managed to put together our first ever holiday offering 2020 GFC Christmas Virtual Concert - "O Come Let Us Adore Him" that you see in this email. We put together many other projects including a Valentine's Day Virtual Concert, and a Stations of the Cross Lenten Virtual Concert. You can see all our activities on our Facebook page @GODfaithTV.

We continue with our pursuit to remain steadfast in our mission, that this pandemic will never stop us from doing this, as we listen and follow the words of our Lord Jesus to his disciples to "let the children come to Him" (Matthew 19:14)."

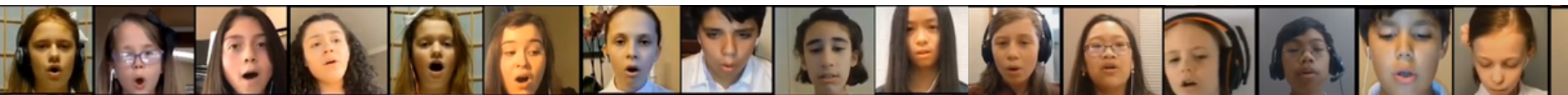
-Erick Del Mar, Choir Director

GOD Faith Choir - St. Philomena Church, Carson, CA



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"The concert choir of St. Thomas More High School in Champaign, IL has gone through a long period of quarantine and distance learning. Although they are allowed to come in the music room, they are not able to sing with each other. They must wear a mask and sit between plastic screens. It has been very hard for high school choristers. However, they still practice virtually and sing through a virtual choir as seen in the video. One of the choir members in the video is actually living in China during the school year due to Covid. "Benedictus" by Brian Lewis is one of the favorite selections from their repertoire. Our singers believe that our blessing and healing comes from our singing. We never stop singing for our faith, community, and the world."

-Myeonghwan Caleb Lee, Director of Music  
St. Thomas More High School, Champaign, IL