



**PRIVATE SISTINE CHAPEL TOURS ANNOUNCED FOR AFPC TRAVELERS
ATTENDING THE ROME CONGRESS**

Dear Conductors,

I write to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your choir during the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores in Rome, December 27, 2015! In collaboration with the American Federation, we continue to work diligently to bring to your choir a unique spiritual and cultural experience that we hope you will find both exciting and enriching to the lives of your singers and their families.

The planned pilgrimage includes many special and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that are unparalleled experiences for your choirs as they explore the Eternal City, including opportunities to **SING WITH POPE FRANCIS AT ST. PETER'S BASILICA AND WITH OTHER AMERICAN AND ENGLISH SPEAKING CHOIRS AT A MASS OF NATIONS AT THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN LATERAN, THE POPE'S CATHEDRAL IN ROME.** I write to share with you an exciting confirmation we have recently received: *The American Federation Pueri Cantores Choristers and their family members booking with Corporate Travel Service have been extended a special invitation TO VISIT THE VATICAN MUSEUM AND MICHELANGELO'S SISTINE CHAPEL PRIVATELY (AFTER PUBLIC HOURS) IN ONE OF 4 EVENING SESSIONS scheduled during the week! The choirs will proceed into the Museum and Chapel in small groups of 200 - 300 (rather than thousands) without waiting in line.* It is in this sacred space where the College of Cardinals meets in secret to choose the next Holy Father of the Catholic Church. It is also here where thousands of travelers, from all walks of life, venture each day to take in one of the most spectacular displays of faith and history in the world.

The private tours will eliminate hour long waiting lines for admission and will allow guides to explain both art masterpieces and Church tradition while in the Chapel itself. Public tours prohibit tour narratives from guides except in Museum corridors. You will have the quiet opportunity to witness, pray and reflect in this Godly and historic place in a powerful, moving and unforgettable way. Unencumbered by the crowds and noise, the physical and spiritual beauty of the Chapel will fill you and your choirs with profound awe.

We hope you will join us on this special pilgrimage and look forward to making this a memorable event for all travelers involved in this 40th International Pueri Cantores Congress. We thank you again for this opportunity to serve you and your choir and look forward to seeing you in Rome!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

John P. Hale
President