Here’s what our singers and conductors have to say about Pueri Cantores Festivals…

**From our singers...**

Singing at the Festival made me realize that you can do more than just sing and listen to music. You can also experience it, especially when performing.

I feel more a part of the Church and school choir.

[The Festival] has helped me get used to singing with a huge number of singers and experience what that is like. It’s very powerful worshiping that way.

The lessons that I learn from the conductors of the festivals have stayed with me and they continue to help me on a daily basis when I am a cantor or singing in the choir.

Singing is one of my favorite things and the festival makes me feel extraordinary.

[Singing] has given me greater patience, and it has helped me to meet amazing people who taught me how to be more open to new things.

I’m learning music that I wouldn’t be exposed to any other way.

**From our conductors...**

Singing in the choir is something I truly enjoy. It has made me a better leader and given me goals to reach. Each level in choir is something I work hard to achieve.

It helps me understand the hard work it takes to be a better musician. It also teaches me discipline and to focus better. Singing in a choir of this magnitude definitely boosts my self esteem and confidence.

It helped me grow closer to God and I think it will help me to work harder at everything I do. I was pushed to do my best and it will remind me that good always comes out of trying.

I think it enhances the masses and it also has brought in a lot of donations for our school.

Our choir sings at all our masses, and sometimes parish masses. We give free concerts at nursing homes and in our parish, collect food for the homeless and have service days.

Singing in the festival has made me feel more confident about making new friends and acting like a leader.

I think it helps others by showing that you shouldn’t be afraid to praise God with your voice, even if you don’t think you sound very good.

Our choirs have benefited tremendously by being a part of Pueri Cantores. I’ve personally learned a lot and our parish music program has been given many opportunities at the Diocesan level indirectly because of the organization.

The music is challenging for the choir, and the preparation unifies my singers. The experience gives them new confidence and direction.

There are many wonderful things about Pueri Cantores Festivals. The combined choirs really allow our great songs of praise to be carried throughout the Church and proclaimed for all to hear. The Festivals also encourage more parishioners to attend Church, especially if they are relatives and friends of the choristers.

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