

Meet our 2026 Pueri Cantores Singers



Alliana with Bishop Michael C. Barber after the Festival & Mass

“This year marked my third Pueri Cantores Festival, and it was a deeply meaningful experience to serve as cantor once again at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption.

I am especially grateful for the opportunity to sing alongside so many dedicated choirs. It was incredibly moving to see familiar faces returning year after year, each bringing renewed passion and faith. **The sense of unity, voices lifted together in prayer, continues to inspire me.**

I feel truly thankful to be part of such a beautiful and enduring musical and spiritual community.”

-Alliana, age 15, Pueri Cantores Youth Ambassador St. Mary's Cathedral Choir School, San Francisco, CA 2026 Northern California Festival singer & cantor

[Click here to watch Alliana's recent spring concert at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption](#)





“The Pueri Cantores Festival was a fun and amazing experience that I will remember for a long time. It was so cool to meet the Bishop and take a picture with him!

I love music, singing, and worshipping God. Being at church more for choir practice has brought me closer to Him.

I cant’ wait to be a part of the Festival again next year!”

-Izak, age 10

St. Matthew the Apostle Choir, Gahanna, OH
2026 Columbus Festival singer

Izak and his choir with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes at the inaugural 2026 Columbus Festival at St. Joseph Cathedral



“I loved meeting new friends at the Pueri Cantores Festival and being at the beautiful National Shrine. I especially liked singing on the altar, which made me feel so close to God.

Being in my choir has strengthened my relationship with Him because singing to God is like praying twice! It has helped me grow in my musical journey and in life.”

-Alesia, age 11

St. Patrick Church Children's Choir, Carlisle, PA
2026 Mid-Atlantic Festival singer

“The enjoyed my first Pueri Cantores Festival because I got to sing in the beautiful Christ Cathedral and meet and connect with other choirs.

Singing is a unique way of praying and praising the Lord. Being in choir had strengthened my faith and confidence by centering me through singing.

I feel more joyful in my everyday life and I have made new friends in choir. I will continue to sing in our school and choir and in my future dream of becoming a religious sister.”

-Lucia, age 13

St. Gregoria the Great School Choir, Whittier, CA
2026 Southern California Festival singer



“This was my first Pueri Cantores Festival. My favorite memory was friendship bingo because I got to meet so many new people from other choirs. I really liked Dr. Dan too! He was funny and did a lot of cool stuff to help with our singing.

I love singing and being in choir. I have grown in my Latin and other language skills. I enjoy being challenged - especially with new parts like the cantor parts.

I love singing for the Glory of Jesus.
I want to be a singer nun some day!”

-Veronica, age 9

Schola Animae of St. Anne, Gilbert, AZ
2026 Phoenix Festival singer



Veronica singing with her choir in the individual prelude at the 2026 Phoenix Festival at SS. Simon and Jude Cathedral



“I really enjoy my time in Pueri Cantores because I get to sing with other schools and show people from a lot of different places the work our choir has put in to produce the beautiful music that worships and honors God.

I love being the bass in the choir because I really enjoy singing harmonies with other parts to make the music smooth and beautiful. I love singing solemn tones and regular basses as well. Being in a choir is a great experience because you are joining voices with other people who share the same passion of singing as you and you can sing together to make beautiful pieces of musical art. You also get to enjoy great experiences with your choir, like Pueri Cantores.

Singing and being in choir has also made me a better student by helping balancing my studies, and it’s helped me be more patient and prayerful in my life.”

-Patrick, age 17

Kolbe-Trinity High School Choir, Napa, CA
2026 Northern California Festival singer



Patrick singing with his choir in the individual prelude at the 2026 Northern California Festival at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco





“This was my second Pueri Cantores Festival. I enjoy participating in Pueri Cantores because you get to meet different people, and sing to God!!

I love singing because it brings so many people joy! Being in choir is even better, because I get to sing, and also praise God with my voice! When I grow up, I'd like to study music, or maybe even conduct a choir!”

Naomi with her choir at the 2026 Mid-Atlantic Festival at Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

-Naomi, age 10
St. Thomas More Cathedral Youth Choir,
Arlington, VA
2026 Mid-Atlantic Festival singer

“I enjoy attending the Pueri Cantores Festival because the cathedral is beautiful, the songs and harmonies are incredible, and best of all, we get to praise God together. My favorite memory is when my choir sang “Cor Jesu” in the prelude. (pictured below)



What I love most about singing and being in choir is the opportunity to share my gift and praise God through my voice.

Singing in choir has strengthened my faith in many ways like helping me focus more on God and understanding more about how much He loves us. It has enriched other areas of my life and has given me more confidence.

-Zoey, age 12
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School Choir, Gardena, CA
2026 Southern California Festival singer

