



AMERICAN FEDERATION PUERI CANTORES



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Pueri Cantores

Dear Choir Directors, Singers, and Choir Families,

This year, we joyfully celebrate the **75th anniversary of the International Federation of Pueri Cantores receiving official Vatican approval** — a milestone that affirms a mission born not merely from an idea, but from a divine calling.

While Vatican recognition came 75 years ago, Pueri Cantores was founded in France in 1907 with a singular purpose: to evangelize and serve through sacred music. In the wake of World War I, children's choirs brought hope, joy, and God's peace to villages devastated by conflict. Through their young voices, faith was rekindled and hearts were healed.

What began in Europe quickly spread across continents. Today, Pueri Cantores includes national federations in 43 countries, representing more than 70,000 young singers worldwide. Headquartered in the Vatican and approved by every Pope since Pope Pius XII, the International Federation continues to unite young people from all backgrounds in song, prayer, and the rich musical tradition of the Catholic Church.

For more than a century, our mission has remained the same: to form young people in faith, leadership, and excellence through sacred music — and to let their voices sing the peace of God around the world.

To mark this extraordinary milestone, singers participating in the 2026 American Federation of Pueri Cantores Festival Season will receive and wear special commemorative medallions honoring the 75th Anniversary of Pueri Cantores.

We give tremendous thanks for the generations of young singers, choir directors, clergy, and supporters who have faithfully carried this mission forward.

The song continues — and so does the call.

In gratitude,



**Paul French, President
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