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*Bringing together boys and girls throughout
the United States to sing the Peace of God*

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Dear Choir Director,

Choirs from around the world, including your own, may now prepare to participate in the **36th International Congress of Pueri Cantores** which will gather children and youth in Rome, Italy, to participate in festivities beginning December 28, 2010 and concluding with the papal Mass of January 1, 2011 in St. Peter's Basilica. With scores of choirs assembling from a vast array of international cultures, these congresses are surely among the world's greatest festivals of sacred choral music. This opportunity for your choir to sing in liturgies and concerts in some of the most magnificent churches in the world, including the Mass with His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, is one which I sincerely hope you will prayerfully consider.

I have been working closely with the very kind and professional staff at Music Celebrations International (MCI) to provide the best possible experience for our American Federation Pueri Cantores choirs. Their excellent planning and execution skills have produced truly splendid travel arrangements for many American choirs participating in international congresses and national festivals of recent years.

I invite you to read through the attached proposal and discover the pilgrimage which Music Celebrations International is expertly prepared to customize for your choir. The office of American Federation Pueri Cantores also looks forward to hearing from you regarding our ongoing mission: *"That choirs of young singers throughout the world may join together in singing the peace of God!"*

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Patrick Flahive
President

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