

3rd Annual
Youth & Young Adult Choir
FESTIVAL 2018
FOR EPIPHANY



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You are invited to accompany Dr. John Romeri, Festival Conductor

*Sing at a Papal Mass
with the Sistine Chapel Choir!*



8-Day Choir Tour and Festival: December 31, 2017 - January 7, 2018

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Travel Package Inclusions

- Round-trip economy class airfare on Swiss Air Lines or British Airways from Los Angeles.
- U.S. Departure Tax; Customs User Fee; Security Tax and all Airport Taxes.
- Meet and Assist for departure from Los Angeles International Airport in California.
- Six (6) nights accommodation in twin rooms, with private facilities, at hotel in Rome.
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation, upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- European breakfast daily plus four (4) dinners and two (2) lunches, including a **gala dinner at Benito Restaurant in Rome.**
- Full-time Tour Manager throughout the entire tour, including arrival and departure transfers.
- All sightseeing conducted by licensed, professional, English-speaking guides.
- Portage of one piece of luggage, per person, at hotels throughout.
- Coordination of all Venues as noted in the itinerary.
- Travel documents, travel wallet, luggage tags, name badge and drawstring bag.
- Festival membership, 3rd Annual Youth and Young Adult Choir Festival 2018 Ribbon and Medal, Mass programs, festival binders, and group photo in St. Peter's Square and inside St. Peter's Basilica.

Please refer to Terms & Conditions for items or additional costs not included in the package price.

Dear Friends,

We could not be more delighted to greet you with this note of encouragement, inviting you to join us for the 3rd Annual Youth and Young Adult Choir Festival for Epiphany! The prospect of gathering choirs of children, youth, and young adult voices together to sing and to celebrate - in concert and in worship - is a unique and joy-filled experience, and we are confident that we all hold dear many such rich memories of sacred song. Here, however, through a wonderful extension of hospitality from Sistine Chapel Choir director, Msgr. Massimo Palombella, we are invited back to the Eternal City to participate alongside his magnificent ensemble and celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord with His Holiness, Pope Francis. How wonderful to begin this journey together, much as the Magi did, in adoration of the Lord!

As the scheduling of musical details and preparations are underway, we would like to draw your attention to the travel arrangements proposed by the good people at Peter's Way Tours, and to urge you to begin making plans to be with us for this festival and Mass which are bound to lift hearts and voices in great joy and devotion. I hope your schedule will allow you to accept this invitation.



Dr. John A. Romeri, Festival Conductor

The 3rd Annual Youth & Young Adult Festival Choir • Enrollment Form - Tour Code: 9257

Please sign and send this enrollment form with your deposit plus insurance costs (see options below) to:
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Enrollment Deadline (Deposit due): **April 15, 2017**

Final Payment Deadline (Balance due): **September 15, 2017**

Please print your name exactly as it appears on your passport. Title: Mr Ms Mrs Rev Bro Sr Deacon Other _____

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Country of Citizenship (if other than USA) _____ Date of Birth _____ M / F

Please check boxes that apply (Refer to Terms and Conditions for details about additional costs, such as optional Travel Insurance):

- I would like to purchase the all-inclusive travel package (includes round-trip airfare from Los Angeles)
Full Estimated Package Price (including departure taxes & fuel surcharge): = \$3,590.00*
- I would like to purchase the "Land Only" package (does not include airfare or airport transfers) \$2,245.00
- I would like a single room (If confirmed, a single supplement of \$550.00 will apply.)
- I prefer a roommate (for no additional cost) Roommate Name (If known): _____

My Vocal Part (please check one): Soprano Alto

Please select only one box (See Terms and Conditions for our Cancellation Policy and Travel Insurance details):

- I decline optional travel insurance. Enclosed is my deposit of \$350.00.
Insurance may be purchased up until the final payment deadline, however, pre-existing conditions will not be covered unless purchased at this time.
- I would like to purchase travel insurance. Enclosed is \$600.00 (\$350.00 deposit + \$250.00 insurance premium).
Pre-existing conditions are covered only when the insurance premium is submitted with your deposit. Insurance payments are non-refundable.
- I would like to purchase travel insurance plus the "Cancel For Any Reason" add-on. Enclosed is \$715.00.
(\$350.00 deposit + \$250.00 insurance premium + \$115.00 CFAR add-on). The Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) Insurance add-on allows you to cancel up to 2 days prior to departure and receive reimbursement of up to 80% of the package price. CFAR must be purchased at the time of enrollment and cannot be offered to New York State residents as per state law.

I have read and I accept all Terms and Conditions as outlined on this brochure:

Signature*: _____ Date: _____

*Parent/Guardian signature is required for minors under 18 years of age.

Credit Card Authorization Form - Please check credit card of choice: VISA MC AMEX DISCOVER

All package pricing shown above reflects a cash discount. If you would like to use a credit card as form of payment, there is a \$100.00 increase in your total package price and will be reflected on your invoice. By completing this form, you agree to the \$100.00 increase in the package price and authorize Peter's Way Tours to initially charge \$350.00 deposit (or full balance if you are enrolling past the final payment deadline) plus the total insurance cost to your credit card.

Name on card: _____ Card Number _____ Exp. Date: _____

Billing Address: _____ Sec Code: _____

Participant Name(s): _____
(if different from cardholder)

* ALL PRICING IS BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 40 PAYING PARTICIPANTS.

IF THE GROUP DOES NOT REACH THIS NUMBER, THE PRICE OR PROGRAMMING MAY BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY.

Day 1 December 31, Sunday: Depart for Rome

Depart Los Angeles International Airport via Swiss International Air Lines or British Airways on our overseas journey to Rome, Italy. Complimentary meals and beverages will be served aloft. (D,B)

Day 2 January 1, Monday: Arrive Rome

Arrive at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport, proceed through Passport Control, claim our luggage, and a Peter's Way Tours tour manager will meet us upon our exit from Customs. Board our comfortable motor coach for an orientation tour of Ancient Rome and the "Eternal City." History, evolving over 2,500 years, will be made visible for us by the Roman ruins, 15th century churches, 17th century palaces and 20th century monuments. Independent lunch. Hotel check-in.

Welcome Session and orientation with all Music Directors. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Rome. (B,D)

Day 3 January 2, Tuesday: Tour of Vatican Museums; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica | Afternoon Rehearsal

Breakfast at hotel. Begin our morning of sightseeing with a visit to one of the great art collections in the world, the Vatican Museums. Walk in the footsteps of the Princes of the Church through the richly decorated galleries. Continue on to the Sistine Chapel, the private chapel of the popes where Michelangelo best expressed his genius in monumental frescoes. End our morning tour in St. Peter's Basilica. Take in the awesome architecture and the statuary adorning the largest of all Christian churches, including Michelangelo's magnificent "Pieta." Pray at the tomb of St. Pope John Paul II in St. Sebastian's Chapel. After our visit we continue to the Church of St. Ignatius area for independent lunch. **Choir members only will meet at the Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola for a 2-hour rehearsal.** For those not singing, we are offering a wine tasting or cooking class for an additional cost, please inquire. Late afternoon return to hotel to freshen-up. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Rome. (B,D)

Day 4 January 3, Wednesday: Papal Audience | Concert at the Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Buffet breakfast at hotel. After early breakfast, **enter the heart of Christendom for an audience with our Holy Father. Pope Francis will greet all the pilgrims, deliver his message to the faithful, pray the Pater Noster and bless religious articles.** (Choirs should be prepared to sing a brief song of greeting if the Holy Father draws near as he passes through the crowd.) Independent lunch. Return to hotel to rest and freshen-up. After an early dinner, we will be transferred to the Church of St. Ignatius for 2-hour dress rehearsal in preparation for a concert presentation for the city of Rome, presented by "The 3rd Annual Epiphany Festival Youth Choir." Overnight at hotel in Rome. (B,D)

Day 5 January 4, Thursday: Excursion to Assisi | Sites of St. Francis & St. Clare

Buffet breakfast at hotel, then depart Rome for our full day excursion to Assisi, one of the high points of any travel experience. After a two-hour ride, you will see Assisi on a mountaintop: with its narrow lanes, Shrines of Saint Francis, and overwhelming art dedicated to its young friar - a rich young man who turned to God after an illness and established an order that has grown stronger over the centuries. **Arrive in time for warm-up and 11:00am. Sung Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis, presented by The 3rd Annual Epiphany Festival Youth Choir.** After Mass, our local guide will take us to explore the Basilica complex, which is actually composed of two churches built one atop the other. Beneath both churches is the crypt that houses the tomb of St. Francis. The lower Basilica dates from 1228 to 1230, and is richly decorated with beautiful

stained glass windows, and paintings done by some of the most important artists of the 13th and 14th centuries. In the upper Basilica, built from 1230 - 1253, you will marvel at the monumental frescoes painted by Giotto, which depict scenes from the life of the saint. **Lunch at a local restaurant is included.** After lunch, visit the Basilica of St. Clare to view her remains and pray before the miraculous Crucifix. Visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, built in 1569 and crowned by the magnificent dome designed by Alessi. It encloses the shrine of the "Porziuncula," or the Little Portion Chapel, around which the first Franciscan community was centered, the place where Clare received the habit from Francis, and the Capella Del Transito, which marks the spot where the Saint died. A stop will be made en route for independent dinner or light refreshment.

Overnight at hotel in Rome. (B,L)

Day 6 January 5, Friday: Christian Rome | Afternoon Rehearsal and Solemn Mass at the Altar of the Chair of St. Peter

Breakfast at our hotel. Begin our day with a visit to the magnificent Basilica of St. Paul, built by Constantine in the 4th century on the site of St. Paul's tomb. After having been totally destroyed by fire in 1823, it was rebuilt on the original basilican plan of early Christian churches. Surrounding the nave are the medallions of each Pope, from Peter to Benedict XVI. Continue our tour to the Cathedral of St. John Lateran, the first Christian church to be consecrated. It was founded by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century and was home to the Popes for many years prior to the present Vatican residence. End our morning tour with a visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of the four major Basilicas built by Pope Sixtus III (AD 432-440). View the impressive interior with its remarkable mosaics in the nave depicting scenes from the Old Testament. View relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem and the high altar, which contains the remains of St Matthew the Evangelist. The mosaics above the entablature are among the most ancient Christian mosaics in Rome. **Group lunch included. Choir members only will meet in St. Peter's Square** (photo opportunity to be confirmed). **Continue into St. Peter's Basilica for rehearsal in preparation for tomorrow's Papal Mass. 5:00 pm Solemn Mass sung by "The 3rd Annual Epiphany Festival Youth Choir."** For those not singing, we are offering a wine tasting or cooking class for an additional cost, please inquire. Independent dinner. Overnight at hotel in Rome. (B,L)

Day 7 January 6, Saturday: Papal Mass for the Feast of Epiphany | Tour of Imperial Rome | Farewell Dinner

Breakfast at hotel. **This morning we will be transferred to St. Peter's Basilica to attend the Papal Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany, celebrated by His Holiness, Pope Francis. "The 3rd Annual Epiphany Festival Youth Choir" will participate in the Papal Mass with the Guiding Choirs.** Independent lunch. Continue our day with a visit to the Church of St. Peter in Chains to see the original chains in which St. Peter was brought captive to Rome and the statue of Moses, one of Michelangelo's greatest masterpieces. Then, we continue to the ancient Roman Forum. See the Arch of Titus and the Arch of Constantine and proceed to the outside of the Coliseum for a fascinating explanation of its history. Continue on to the grandiose white marble monument of King Victor Emmanuel II, often called the "Wedding Cake." **Our farewell dinner, this evening, will be at a restaurant in Rome. Experience an atmosphere of hospitality and friendship, and taste the Mediterranean cuisine in a typical Roman setting.** Overnight at hotel in Rome. (B,D)

Day 8 January 7, Sunday: Return from Rome

After early breakfast, transfer to Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport for our return flight home. Arrive on the same day. (B)

Acceptance of these Terms & Conditions, with signature on enrollment form, is required for participation in this tour.

PAYMENT: Deposits and insurance payments will be accepted in the form of check, money order or credit card. Package prices are \$100.00 higher per person when using a credit card as form of payment as the package price shown on the brochure reflects a cash discount. Peter's Way Tours reserves the right to increase package price or reduce services accordingly should there be an escalation in the Euro valuation over the U.S. Dollar in excess of 3% from print date. If final payment is not received by the balance deadline, Peter's Way Tours reserves the right to cancel your reservation. If for any reason payment is received within 21 days of departure, a charge for express mailing of final documents will apply. A \$50.00 late payment fee and possible increase in airfare may apply for late payments. Personal checks will not be accepted within 30 days of departure. If the bank has returned a personal check, a \$25.00 processing fee will apply and subsequent payments must be made in the form of money order, certified bank check or credit card.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS: From the time your deposit is received up to 130 days prior to departure, there is a \$250.00 nonrefundable cancellation fee per person. From 129 to 100 days prior to departure, there is a \$350.00 nonrefundable cancellation fee per person. From 99 days prior to departure up to the day of departure, there is a nonrefundable cancellation fee of 100% of all payments made per person including departure taxes & fuel surcharges, single supplement, deviation fees, travel insurance payments and any other costs incurred. Travel insurance is offered as protection for cancellations due to medical reasons such as illness or injury, please see TRAVEL INSURANCE. Travel insurance payments are nonrefundable upon receipt. Tour participation is nontransferable. Names cannot be transferred on reservations or airline tickets. Refund requests can only be honored when submitted in writing to Peter's Way Tours. All refund requests are subject to cancellation restrictions as set forth above. No refund will be made for any accommodations or services included in the tour that you do not use.

LATE RESERVATIONS: A \$25.00 late reservation fee and possible increase in airfare may apply for bookings received after the deposit deadline. All space is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed past the deposit deadline noted on the brochure.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All participants must have a valid passport. U.S. Passports must be valid for at least **six (6) months**, subsequent to return date. Special entry requirements for non-U.S. citizens may apply. Please consult the appropriate Consulate for current requirements. It is solely the passenger's responsibility to ensure that all documents needed are completed, current and in good condition. Peter's Way Tours will not be held responsible for lack of current and valid entry documents.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip on **British Airways or Swiss International Air Lines from Los Angeles International Airport.** Flight itinerary and carrier may be subject to change. Departure taxes & fuel surcharges are estimated. They are determined solely by the airlines and are subject to increase prior to ticketing (approximately 30 days prior to departure).

AIRLINE SEATING: Under group airline reservations/ contracts, the airlines will provide a block of seats for the group. Individual requests for seating preferences can only be made at time of check-in. Peter's Way cannot submit seating preferences as we cannot guarantee that any or all requests will be honored. If you require specific seating as a condition of your travel, it is suggested that you book your airfare individually and purchase the land only package. Upgrades to premium economy, business class, or first class may be available but oftentimes airlines will not allow the upgrades until time of ticketing (approximately 30 days prior to departure). Group reservations may not be accessible online for advance check-in/boarding passes/seat assignments. Airline guidelines vary. Please contact our office for specific details.

LAND ONLY PASSENGERS: Land Only packages do not include any portion of the group airfare. **All airline tickets will be your responsibility to book independently.** A passenger choosing the land only portion of the package (**\$2,245.00, per person in a double room**) must notify Peter's Way Tours, in writing, 100 days prior to date of departure or a penalty fee will be assessed. Please be advised, passenger(s) opting for the Land Only package or who are deviating from the group itinerary will be responsible for their own transfers to/from hotel/airport. However, if you arrive at the same time or earlier than your group, you are welcome to join the group on the bus. Additionally, if you purchase your own air transportation and the group does not materialize or you cancel your package for any reason, Peter's Way Tours will not be held responsible for the cost of your airfare.

DEVIATIONS & ITINERARY CHANGES: Peter's Way Tours is pleased to assist clients with changes in itineraries. All deviation requests must be submitted in writing at least 90 days prior to departure. Deviation fee will apply plus an airline change fee per person. Your routing and dates requested will determine if a difference in airfare will also apply. Not all carriers permit routing changes and/or deviations from the group itinerary. Please contact our office for detailed information.

TRANSFERS AND PORTERAGE: Round-trip airport transfers are included for passengers who purchase the full air and land package. Porterage of one piece of luggage throughout your tour at hotels is also included.

ACCOMMODATIONS/SINGLE TRAVELERS: Price per person is based on two persons sharing twin bedded rooms with private facilities in hotels throughout your tour. Matrimonial (full) bedded rooms are subject to availability and must be requested. Triple rooms are available for family or friends traveling together. We discourage triple room accommodations because they are normally not spacious and there is no discount for triple occupancy. Triple rooms usually are regular twin or matrimonial (full) bedded rooms with a rollaway bed added. Single rooms are limited but may be requested at time of booking for an additional charge of \$550.00. While single rooms provide privacy, they are often smaller than twin bedded rooms and may be located away from the group. We will make every effort (if you so desire) to match you with a same gender roommate when we receive your application, but we do not guarantee a roommate can be matched. If a single room must be assigned due to your roommate's cancellation, incompatibility or for any other reason (even at the last moment or while on tour), we must charge you the tour's single supplement or pro-rated amount.

MEALS: European breakfast daily plus four (4) dinners and two (2) lunches,

including a **gala dinner at Benito Restaurant in Rome.** Beverages (coffee, tea, mineral water) are not included at set menu dinners.

GRATUITIES & SERVICE CHARGES: Gratuities are not included in your tour package. For good work, recommended (but voluntary) tipping to your tour manager is 4.00 Euro per passenger per day; to the driver is 2.00 Euro per passenger per day; for the local guides 1.50 Euro per passenger per day. Tips for the tour manager and bus driver are normally given as a group at the end of the tour. Other gratuities are usually handled individually. All service charges and local taxes as imposed by hotels are included in the program rate. Although service charges are included, it is customary to leave 1.00 Euro per person for the waiters after each meal and 1.00 Euro per person per day for the maid/bell boys.

TRAVELER HEALTH ADVISORY: All passengers must ensure that they are medically and physically fit for travel and that such traveling will not endanger themselves or others as our pilgrimages entail a lot of walking, which may involve stairs, hills, cobblestone roads and uneven pavement. Additionally, most motor coaches are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. It is each passenger's responsibility to be aware of his or her limits with regard to travel and group activities. Any person with a disability requiring special attention must advise Peter's Way Tours of the situation at time of enrollment. A qualified companion must accompany any passenger requiring special assistance. Peter's Way Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate disabled passengers with special needs, but shall not be held responsible in the event we are unable to do so. Moreover, Peter's Way Tours is not responsible for the denial of services by any carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY: Peter's Way Tours is only acting as intermediary and agent for the suppliers identified on this, or any accompanying documents, in selling services, or in accepting reservations or bookings for services that are not directly supplied by Peter's Way Tours (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruises, etc.). Peter's Way Tours shall not be responsible for breach of contract, bankruptcy or any intentional or careless actions or omissions on the part of such suppliers, which result in any loss, damage, delay, or injury to any traveler, travel companions or group member. Peter's Way Tours shall not be held responsible for any changes made in the schedule of liturgies throughout the pilgrimage or any changes in the **Vatican Calendar and the appearance of the Holy Father for the weekly Papal Audience or Papal Masses.** Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically written on the ticket, invoice or reservation itinerary, Peter's Way does not guarantee any supplier's rates, bookings or reservations. Peter's Way Tours shall not be responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses caused to any traveler in connection with terrorist activities, social or labor unrest, airline strikes, mechanical or construction difficulties, diseases, local laws, climatic conditions, abnormal conditions or developments, or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside Peter's Way Tours control. By embarking upon the trip, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved with such travel, whether expected or unexpected. The traveler is hereby warned of such risks and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage against them. Peter's Way Tours does not accept responsibility or liability for minors traveling on the tour. **A signed enrollment form by traveler and, if under 18 years of age, their guardian/parent, shall constitute consent to the above terms and conditions and an agreement on the traveler's part to convey the contents of this disclaimer to your travel companions and group members.**

TRAVEL INSURANCE: It is strongly recommended that all participants purchase insurance when they travel since the tour operator is not responsible for non-refundable payments, damaged luggage or trip interruption. Peter's Way Tours offers an optional Passenger Travel Protection Plan that provides coverage for pre-paid travel arrangements made through Peter's Way Tours. These benefits and services help insure the well being of the passenger while traveling worldwide. The insurance premium is based on total package price, including taxes, fuel surcharges, single supplements, deviation fees, late charges, etc. **The insurance premium for total package prices from \$0 to \$1000.00 is \$100; \$1001.00 to \$2000.00 is \$175; \$2001.00 to \$3000.00 is \$225; \$3001.00 to \$4000.00 is \$250; \$4001.00 to \$5000.00 is \$275; and \$5001.00 and over is 6% of total package price.** If the insurance premium is included with your deposit, the passenger will be covered for pre-existing conditions. However, the insurance plan can be purchased at any time thereafter, excluding coverage for pre-existing conditions, until final payment has been made. Plan payments will not be accepted after final payment has been made. All plan payments are non-refundable. If you choose to extend your stay or embark on a pre-tour program, travel insurance can be purchased for an additional \$4.00 per day. Additional coverage needs to be requested. The insurance plan will not automatically be extended. Passengers who book their own airfare (Land Only passengers or those booking connecting flights to the group's departure gateway) are advised to purchase travel insurance covering their flights directly from the airline or from another travel insurance supplier as our insurance coverage is only for arrangements made through Peter's Way Tours. The Passenger Travel Protection Plan includes coverage for the following: trip cancellation/ interruption/ delay, accident/sickness medical expense, emergency medical evacuation/repatriation, lost baggage/personal effects, accidental death & dismemberment and 24-hour Emergency Travel Assistance Services. These benefits and services are provided by Travel Insured International. Upon claim approval, reimbursement is up to 100% of the non-refundable payments for your trip. Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) add-on can be purchased for the cost of your insurance premium plus an additional \$115.00. This includes reasons for cancellation not otherwise covered by the regular policy. You can cancel up to 2 days prior to departure and receive reimbursement of up to 80% of the non-refundable payments for your trip. **Payment for CFAR must be included with your deposit at the time of enrollment. CFAR coverage cannot be offered to New York State residents as per state law.** PLEASE NOTE: For complete details of coverage, terms, conditions, exclusions, and pre-existing conditions for the insurance protection provided, refer to the Description of Coverage, which you will receive with your travel documents. If you need further information, please call Travel Insured International at 866-684-0218 and ask for Customer Service. This travel insurance is underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ under policy number T-2508.