

Kraków, 25 December 2014
The Nativity of Jesus

Dear Presidents,

Only a year from now shall we meet together in order to celebrate the 40th International Congress of *Pueri Cantores* to be held from 28th December 2015 to 1st January 2016 in Rome. We cherish the greatest hope to meet His Holiness Pope Francis and refresh through Him our faith. The Congress will be organised under the motto: *Cantate Spem Vestram!* which may be translated as: Sing out your hope!

Therefore, I wish to introduce some detailed information to have been discussed at the meeting of Presidents in October 2014, in Würzburg, which I have arranged into seven points as follows:

1. **Online registration** for the Congress via the website of the International Federation **shall commence on 12 January 2015 and close on 20 March 2015**. I have decided that in order to avoid confusion and misunderstandings the registration could be made in English only. It is a commonly used language which allows to arrange everything easily.
2. Making oneself registered is tantamount to accepting the provisions of registration and payment, the latter arranged as follows: **the registration pre-charge (€ 35 and € 50, respectively) plus 20% of the total fee; until 30 June 2015 30% of the total fee; and until 30 October 2015 50% of the total fee.**
3. The commission for music is working intensely on the Congress repertoire. Hence my repeated appeal to Gabriele Sichler-Karle (e-mail: gabriele.sichler-karle@erzbistum-paderborn.de) so that she would send the arrangements of Christmas Carols from different parts of the world. The next meeting on the Congress organisation will be held in Rome on 23-24 January 2015. Please, those who have not done it yet, send the Christmas Carols until that date. We would like to prepare the **Music Books for the Congress** as quickly as possible **and dispatch them to the choirs in April or May 2015**.
4. I also have the request to the Presidents of the individual Federations to let me know, **no later than until the end of January 2015, about the churches in Rome** at which you wish to celebrate the Holy Masses and Liturgies in national languages. The organisational committee for the Congress will start preliminary talks with their parish heads with a view to making necessary reservations (rtyrala@diecezja.krakow.pl)
5. The highly prioritised shall be the „**concerts of hope**”, **presumably 4-5**, depending on the number of choirs declaring their participation in the Congress. Hence my next request to the Presidents **to send to me** the list of suggested choirs that might be able to perform in these concerts (rtyrala@diecezja.krakow.pl). The final decision as to which choirs shall participate in the concerts will be mutually agreed by the FIPC commission for music and the organisational committee for the Congress.
6. All the information about the **costs** which the FIPC Treasurer, G. L. Pao-
lucci had submitted in Würzburg, have been placed on our website and are

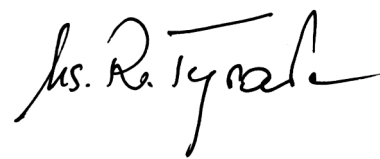
available upon logging in via a password. To everybody, these passwords have been delivered a while ago, some of you received them more than once. In case of any doubts please contact our webmaster via our website.

7. I wish all the detailed information about the Congress would appear on our website www.puericantores.org **in all languages**. That is why I would like you to appoint proper persons in your Federations who would be responsible for translation. **Please, send me their names, positions held in the national Federation and e-mail addresses**. It is also important to definitely establish from which language it might be the easiest to translate (rtyrala@diecezja.krakow.pl).

I trust the Congress in Rome shall be for us all the time of God's grace, of joy and manifestation of hope which is in us. Please, make everybody interested in the Congress' matters.

Our Ecclesiastical Assistant, Rev. Stanisław Mieszczak SCJ, along with the Assistants of individual Federations, is engaged in the programme of spiritual preparation for the event. Let us make full use of it.

May the New Year be a blessed one also with regard to our preparation for the XL International Congress of *Pueri Cantores* in Rome!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ms. R. Tyrala". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.