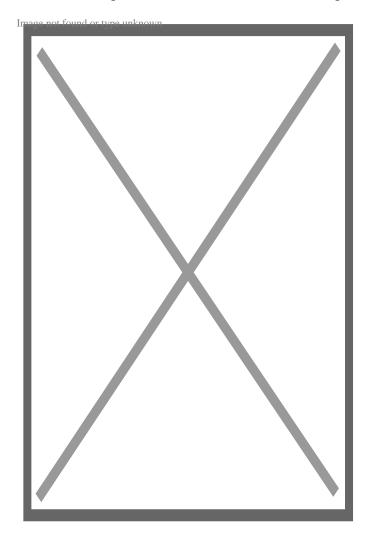
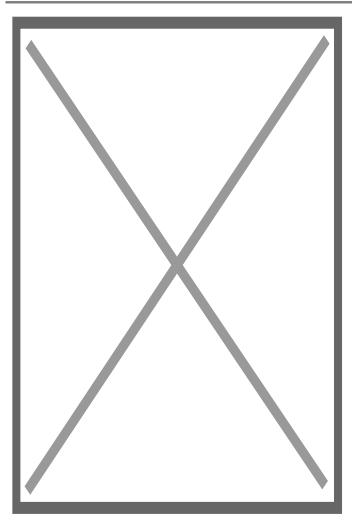


Diocese of Orange and Christ Cathedral to host Festival Mass featuring more than 300 singers in children's choir

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The event, organized by Pueri Cantores, brings together children from parishes and Catholic schools located throughout Southern California to sing music from the church's rich historical repertoire.





Garden Grove, Calif. (March 17, 2022) — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange and Christ Cathedral are hosting the 2022 Pueri Cantores Southern California Youth Choral Festival and Mass, an event on Saturday, March 19 that features more than 300 children singing inside the Diocese's iconic Christ Cathedral.

The festival is organized by <u>Pueri Cantores</u>, the national student choral organization of the Catholic Church, for children in grades 4 to 12. They will be participating from their local Catholic school or parish located throughout Southern California and uniting with hundreds of their peers as one combined choir to sing beautiful music from the church's rich historical repertoire.

Bishop Kevin Vann is scheduled to preside over the Festival Mass, which starts at 4:30 p.m. A chorale prelude will take place at 4 p.m.

Dr. Richard Robbins, director of choral activities at the University of Minnesota Duluth and choir director at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Wisconsin, will conduct.

Media interested in covering the Southern California Youth Choral Festival and Mass are asked to RSVP with Bradley Zint, assistant director of communications for the Diocese of Orange, at bzint@rcbo.org or (714) 282-6052.

Video cameras will not be allowed in the cathedral, but television/video media are welcome to use the

event's livestream feed that will be available on the Diocese of Orange's YouTube channel, Christ Cathedral's Facebook page and Christ Cathedral's website.

Still photographers will be permitted inside the cathedral with an RSVP and media credential, issued by the Office of Communications.

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About the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

With 1.3 million Catholics, 56 parishes, five Catholic centers and 35 schools, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange is one of the largest and most diverse faith communities in the United States. The Diocese empowers Catholics across Orange County to have an active life of faith that is integrated and woven into the fabric of their daily lives through the community and sacramental life of the Church. Under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Vann, the Diocese works to establish and support dynamic, vibrant parishes and schools welcoming all to live the Gospel with faith, joy, charity and unity. Christ Cathedral, the spiritual home of the Bishop of Orange, was dedicated in July 2019.

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