



Dear Presidents and Directors of Music of the Foederatio Internationalis Pueri Cantores

This is a detailed note pertaining to the Musical Repertoire and Technical requirements for the Advent Festival 2021 being hosted on behalf of the FIPC in collaboration with the Pueri Cantores India Federation. The key theme is '**TRUE ENCOUNTERS**'.

The Festival will be held on the 4 Sundays of Advent with a Finale comprising Christmas Carols on Christmas day. Dates of Festival: *Nov 28, Dec 5, Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 25 (Saturday)*.

### **MUSIC:**

1. We invite a presentation of any piece(s) of music appropriate for the season of Advent, from the Pueri Cantores choirs. These may be related to a specific theme (*Advent candles of **hope, faith, joy, peace***) or a general Advent theme. We will share with you a Google sheet of pieces already chosen by other groups so that there is no overlap.
2. **November 15** is the deadline for participant's performance videos to be submitted\*. That gives us two weeks to put everything together in time for the first Sunday of Advent (Nov 28).

However, we would like to be informed by **November 2** of names of the piece(s) you will present, together with an English translation along with the approximate duration of the piece.

3. **We invite the youth from your Federations to participate in a Zoom Encounter.** These will be meetings scheduled on **Sunday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> & Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**, for young people to come together to share their thoughts, personal experiences and struggles during the Pandemic. This will help young people from diverse cultures to encounter each other and enrich their lives, making this Christmas season a *True* experience. The young people are invited to sign up for a convenient time and day for any one of these discussions. We request you to let us know the number of people from your Federation interested in being a part of this at the earliest. The timings will be shared with you soon via email.
4. **Lighting of the Advent Candle on each Sunday (Nov 28, Dec 5, Dec 12, Dec 19).** This is a live event by each Federation in a Basilica/Church/Chapel which will be coordinated via zoom and streamed at the start of each Festival performance. Fr James Conlon (Ecclesiastical Advisor of FIPC) is preparing the Blessing Prayer. Instructions for the Lighting ceremony and accompanying Prayer will be discussed during a zoom meeting on the **20<sup>th</sup> of November at 9:30pm IST, 4:00pm GMT**. A link and accompanying email will be sent in due course.

**Virtual Global Choir:** Anyone and everyone is welcome to participate in the theme song "**Faith Encounters**" as well as a song for peace "**Lord make us instruments**". Those wishing to add their voices to either/both songs may request a copy of the score and accompaniment track to sing to. Audio and video recordings will need to be sent in by **Nov 15** latest.

**\*TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF VIDEOS:**

**File Format:** Videos to be sent in either .mov or .mp4 video formats.

**Resolution:** Should be at least 1920x1080 (1080p).

**Frame Rate:** 30fps or 25fps is fine

**Submitted via:** Videos should be sent via **WeTransfer, Google Drive or OneDrive** to [puericantoresindia@gmail.com](mailto:puericantoresindia@gmail.com)

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