



Sacred Voices

Choir of the Cardinal Bartolucci Foundation

In 2004 the Cardinal Domenico Bartolucci Foundation created its own Choir dedicated to the polyphonic repertoire of the famous Roman School which has distinguished itself since the Renaissance for its particular emphasis on pure singing, without instrumental accompaniment.

This outstanding group is composed of 40 professional singers selected from the most important musical Institutions in Rome and the Vatican and performs regularly for Concerts in prestigious Cathedrals in Italy and during solemn masses presided over by bishops and cardinals.

In 2006 the Choir had the privilege of offering a concert in the presence of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in the Sistine Chapel. The Holy Father expressed gratitude to Maestro Bartolucci and the Foundation for this event, congratulated the Choir and encouraged our Institution to continue its work of evangelization and spreading the beauty of sacred music.

In 2023, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Cardinal Bartolucci's passing and the first twenty years of the Foundation's activities, it performed in many important Cathedrals in Italy.

In 2025 the Foundation commemorates the 5th Centenary of the Birth of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, releasing the official CD published by the Governorate of the Vatican City State, which includes the Philatelic Emission dedicated to this great composer. This publication was presented last June 18th during an extraordinary event in the Sala Regia of the Apostolic Palace, in the presence of Pope Leo XIV, to whom the Choir offered the complete performance of the famous Missa Papæ Marcelli. This was the first official Concert attended by Pope Leo since his election.

On May 3, the Choir performed a concert in the Pauline Chapel of the Quirinal Palace, in the presence of the President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella.

The Choir has been invited to perform in four concert series in the United States (Chicago in 2022 and 2026; New York in 2025; California in 2026).